

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS BRAMHALL

England & Wales - Charity number 1133883

Details

Other names ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BRAMHALL

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-01-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council [PCC] has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has responsibility for maintaining the site and buildings that comprise St Michael and All Angels Church and other properties owned by the PCC

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£234,771	£247,627	-	-
2024-12-31	£275,788	£265,468	-	-
2023-12-31	£219,284	£215,312	-	-
2022-12-31	£190,736	£208,727	-	-
2021-12-31	£211,026	£192,634	-	-
2020-12-31	£199,688	£188,802	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Calum Lewis Piper	Chair	2019-02-07
Brenda Janet Knight		2023-05-14
Brian John Gordon		2025-05-11
Constance Ann Walker		2022-05-08
David Robert Taylor		2021-04-18
David Walker		2023-05-14
Doreen Donnan		2024-04-14
Dr Louise Ann Sell		2020-09-20
Ethel Sheila Newbon		2020-09-20
Georgina Carol Foot		2024-04-14
JANET KETTERINGHAM		2022-05-08
JOHN CADMAN BAKER BA		2020-09-20
Jennifer Claire Gallimore		2023-05-14
John Philip Ketteringham		2022-05-08
Julie Ann Sweeting		2022-05-30
MR PHIL WADSWORTH		
MRS TRICIA MUNN		
Mark Lloyd Hackney		2020-01-13
Michael Anthony Holmes MChem Oxon		2020-09-20
PETER DRIVER		2024-09-18
PROFESSOR BOB MUNN		
Rachel Victoria Chadwick		2023-05-14
Robert Joseph Laing		2025-05-11
Sheila Ann Collins		2023-05-14
Shirley Smith		2025-05-11
Susan Enid Taylor		2024-04-14
Susan Patricia Howgego		2020-09-20

Accounts

The Parochial Church Council of
St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall

Financial Statements

Year ending 31 December 2025


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We hereby certify that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2025, as set out on pages 5 to 15, were approved at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 2nd March 2026

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Churchwarden..... 

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Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall Parochial Church Council
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On accounts for the year ended

31 st December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1133883
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

Address:

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 total funds
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	156,858	0	156,858	193,536
Other trading activities	39,976		39,976	47,269
Investments	15,841	522	16,363	18,144
Income from charitable activities	21,574		21,574	13,556
Other income	0		0	3,284
Total income	234,250	522	234,772	275,788
Payments				
Raising funds	1,200		1,200	5,738
Expenditure on charitable activities	206,826	21,305	228,131	242,926
Other expenditure	37,260	(18,964)	18,296	16,803
Total expenditure	245,286	2,341	247,627	265,468
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(11,036)	(1820)	(12,856)	10,320
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	77,122	32,751	109,873	27,648
Gross transfers between funds - out	(54,135)	(55,738)	(109,873)	(27,648)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment asset	(6,265)		(6,265)	4,567
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	85,000		85,000	0
Net movement in funds	90,685	(24,806)	65,879	14,887
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	600,628	60,595	661,223	646,336
Total funds carried forward	691,313	35,789	727,102	661,223

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	9	464,309	354,962
		464,309	354,962
Current assets			
Debtors	10	10,636	18,712
Investments	11	126,723	132,988
Cash At Bank And In Hand		150,769	166,444
		288,128	318,145
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	12	25,335	11,884
Net current assets less current liabilities		262,793	306,261
Total assets less current liabilities		727,102	661,223
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
General		677,146	586,702
Designated			
Church Projects		0	11,114
Legacy		9,649	
Gardening		683	0
Spirit Of Art		2,811	2,811
ACE		444	0
Flower Club		580	0
Restricted			
Lawn Mower		701	3,000
Micah Grant		32,247	54,137
Organ Maintenance		889	1,506
Screens		1,952	1,952
Fund Totals		727,102	661,223

Notes to the financial statements

1) Accounting policies

1.a Basis of preparation

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

1.b Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going-concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.c Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

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

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

1.d Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognized only when received.

Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognized when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognized as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognized when the fee is due.

Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities

Rental income is recognized when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognized in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

1.e Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis.

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

2. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Freehold property

Freehold property is valued at purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC, depreciation of freehold properties would be immaterial and has not been charged. The PCC carries out an annual impairment review, and in their opinion no provision is necessary in respect of the value at which freehold properties are included in the financial statements.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognized at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight-line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Parish centre refurbishment	- 50 years
Kitchen refurbishment	- 10 years
Dawlish refurbishment	- 5 years
Chairs	- 10 years
Equipment	- 5 years

3. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognized at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. Our short-term deposits are managed by CCLA as a long-term investment. The funds can be available at short notice, which may result in a loss due to the valuation of the shares at the time of disposal. Dividends on the funds are paid 4 times a year and only accounted for when received.

4. Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognized initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

5. Creditors

Creditors are recognized when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognized at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

6. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,382	36,303
Employer's pension contributions	602	585
	<u>38,984</u>	<u>36,888</u>

	2025	2024
	5	5
Average number of employees		

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2024: none).

Total employee benefits (including pension) were £38,984 (2024: £36,888).

The children's minister is paid from the Micah project which is a restricted fund.

7. Related party transactions

David Taylor is an employee of the PCC and is also an elected member of the PCC. He is paid services fees for funerals, weddings and burials of ashes. During the 2025 year he received a gross salary of £840. (2024: £995)

Jenny Gallimore is employed as the children's minister and is also a co-opted member of the PCC. She received a gross salary of £20,085 (2024: £19,500) and employer's pension contributions of £602 (2024: £585).

During the year to 31 December 2025, the charity received £14,000 (2024: £3,000) in donations from the PCC members, key management personnel and persons closely connected to them. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts that required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

Clergy and staff claimed expenses of £1,372 (2024: £1,068) during the year for travel, subsistence, office supplies and the computer costs. No other transactions were undertaken with any other PCC member; persons closely connected to them or related parties.

8. Missionary and charitable giving

	2025	2024
	£	£
Church Army		1,000
Message Trust		1,000
Oasis Centre		1,000
Wellspring		<u>1,000</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Newala	<u>0</u>	<u>5,047</u>

9.

Tangible
fixed assets

	<u>33 Dawlish Close</u>	<u>Dawlish Refurb.</u>	<u>Hall Refurb.</u>	<u>Kitchen Refurb.</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Chairs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost							
At 01.01.25	225,000		167,624		93,044	55,136	540,804
Additions		8,568		21,118	2,299		31,985
Revaluations	85,000						85,000
At 31.12.25	310,000	8,568	167,624	21,118	95,343	55,136	657,789
Depreciation		<u>5 yrs SL</u>	<u>50 yrs SL</u>	<u>10 yrs SL</u>	<u>5 yrs SL</u>	<u>10yrs SL</u>	
At 01.01.25			37,663		93,043	55,135	185,841
Depreciation charge		1,714	3,353	2,112	460		7,638
At 31.12.25	0	1,714	41,016	2,112	93,503	55,135	193,479
NBV 31.12.25	310,000	6,854	126,608	19,006	1,840	1	464,309
NBV 31.12.24	225,000		129,961		1	1	354,963

In 1984 Dawlish Close was bought at a cost of £24,950. The revaluations brought forward and held within the unrestricted funds were £200,050. At the 2025 year-end Leighton Snow valued the property at £310,000.

The revaluation property reserve now stands at £285,050 and is being carried forward within the general unrestricted funds as an unrealised gain.

10. Investments

Market value brought forward	£ 132,988
Net loss on revaluation	(6,265)
Market value carried forward	<u>126,723</u>

The original cost of the investments bought in 2014 were £75,000.

In 2025 it was decided to close the worst performing investment and split the balance between the remaining two funds. This was done to improve investment performance. The revaluation unrealised gain or loss on investments is held within the general unrestricted funds.

The revaluation on investments brought forward	£ 57,988
Net loss for this year	(6,265)
Total revaluation carried forward	<u>51,723</u>

11. Debtors and prepayments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Tax recoverable	5,872	6,915
Prepayments	3,945	3,370
Other debtors	819	1,207
Grant monies re VAT recoverable	0	7,221
	<u>10,636</u>	<u>18,713</u>

12. Creditors and accruals

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	22,963	7,587
Deferred income	520	1,740
Other creditors	1,852	2,557
	<u>25,335</u>	<u>11,885</u>

13. Bank Charges

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank charges	<u>586</u>	<u>717</u>

The PCC incur bank charges on the bank current accounts and when the card reader is used. Where these relate to a charitable donation, the gross amount is sent to the charity and the church suffers the bank charges.

14. Unrestricted funds

Charitable Giving

In 2025, weekly donations in kind continued to be taken to the Chelwood Food Bank. At Christmas, the monies collected at the Christingle services are sent to the Children's Society. At the end of the year, £1,355.75 was due to them.

15. Parish share

Bramhall parish church receives a discount on its parish share payments to reflect that the vicarage is being habited by two vicars, one from St Michael and All Angels church and the other from St Saviours parish church in Great Moor.

16. Fund movement summary

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Brought forward</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Outgoing resources</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Gains Losses</u>	<u>Journal entry</u>	<u>Carried forward</u>
<u>Unrestricted</u>							
General	586,702	210,465	241,253	42,497	85,000	(6,265)	677,146
<u>Designated</u>							
Church projects	11,114	6,182	1,200	(16,096)			0
Gardening		642	398	439			683
Legacy		14,000		(4,351)			9,649
Spirit of Art	2,811						2,811
ACE		254	233	423			444
Flower Club		2,707	2,202	75			580
<u>Restricted</u>							
Lawn Mower	3,000			(2,299)			701
Micah grant	54,137	522	1724	(20,688)			32,247
Organ Maintenance	1,506		617				889
Screen fund	1,952						1,952
Total	661,223	234,772	247,627	0	85,000	(6,265)	727,102

Analysis of income and expenditure
01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restrict'd	2025	2024
Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Planned Giving	109,855	0	0	109,855	105,577
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,943	0	0	2,943	2,454
0501-One-off Gift Aid gifts	500	0	0	500	0
0550 - Donations appeals etc	0	0	0	0	42,499
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	25,470	0	0	25,470	22,302
0701 - Legacies	0	14,000	0	14,000	10,760
08A1 - VAT recoverable	0	0	0	0	7,221
0901 - Other funds generated	4,090	0	0	4,090	2,722
Donations and legacies totals	142,858	14,000	0	156,858	193,536
Other trading activities					
0910 - Fund raising for church projects	0	6,182	0	6,182	12,557
0912 - Spirit of Art Festival - Income	0	0	0	0	7,107
0915 - Parish groups income	1,351	0	0	1,351	1,261
0916 - Gardening income	0	643	0	643	956
0917 - ACE income	0	254	0	254	202
0918 - Flower Club	0	2,707	0	2,707	1,048
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	28,780	0	0	28,780	23,614
1250 - Newala Diocese Tanzania Project	0	0	0	0	374
1255 - Music Income	60	0	0	60	150
Other trading activities Totals	30,191	9,785	0	39,976	47,269
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	5,676	0	0	5,676	6,432
1025 - Micah grant interest (restricted)	0	0	522	522	670
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	10,165	0	0	10,165	11,042
Investments Totals	15,841	0	522	16,363	18,144
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,926	0	0	4,926	4,229
1105 - Children's Ministry - Income	6,225	0	0	6,225	3,460
1210 - Produce Stall	120	0	0	120	210
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	1,500	0	0	1,500	880
1245 - Hire of Church	8,803	0	0	8,803	4,778
Income from charitable activities Totals	21,574	0	0	21,574	13,556
Other income					
Adjustments code -9999	0	0	0	0	3,284
Receipts grand totals	210,465	23,785	522	234,772	275,788

Payments

Raising funds

	General	Designated	Restrict'd	2025	2024
1730 - Costs for church fundraising projects	0	1,200	0	1,200	1,442
1735 - Spirit of Art Festival - Expenditure	0	0	0	0	4,296
Raising funds Totals	0	1,200	0	1,200	5,738

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Charitable funds distribution	0	0	0	0	4,000
1830 - Newala Diocese Tanzania Project-expenditure	0	0	0	0	5,047
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	101,810	0	0	101,810	98,845
2120 - Council tax	4,925	0	0	4,925	4,671
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	701	0	0	701	616
2150 - Vicar's telephone	184	0	0	184	173
2151 - Vicar's mileage & car parking	312	0	0	312	183
2153 - Vicar's books and stationery	55	0	0	55	20
2154 - Vicar's sundries	50	0	0	50	0
2155 - Vicar's computer hardware	468	0	0	468	199
2156 - Vicar's computer software	486	0	0	486	660
2170 - Education	0	0	0	0	6
2301 - Church running - insurance	6,186	0	0	6,186	4,180
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,241	0	0	1,241	1,151
2320 - Church maintenance - organ / piano tuning	0	0	617	617	34,708
2330 - Church maintenance-buildings	15,409	0	0	15,409	21,536
2331 - Hall cleaning	4,661	0	0	4,661	3,729
2332 - Church maintenance - fire	9,277	0	0	9,277	4,081
2340 - Altar requisites	578	0	0	578	508
2341 - Liturgical Sundries	388	0	0	388	125
2342 - Music expenses	1,892	0	0	1,892	981
2350 - Upkeep of grounds	921	0	0	921	72
2360-Administration	71	0	0	71	0
2361 - Admin printing and postage	1,968	0	0	1,968	1,814
2362 - Publicity and display materials	535	0	0	535	245
2363 - Stationery	687	0	0	687	560
2363A - Thanksgiving Sunday	0	0	0	0	89
2364 - Computer software	111	0	0	111	111
2365 - Admin other	787	0	0	787	127

2368 - Bank charges	586	0	0	586	717
2369 - Hall - Refreshments	468	0	0	468	302
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	695	0	0	695	387
2401 - Church running - electric	3,418	0	0	3,418	3,315
2410 - Church running - gas	16,048	0	0	16,048	12,300
2420 - Water rates	1,428	0	0	1,428	1,951
2510 - Children's ministry expenditure	1,560	0	0	1,560	1,800
2520 - Micah expenditure (restricted)	0	0	20,688	20,688	20,245
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	0	0	0	0	273
2610 - Parish Events	737	0	0	737	1,037
2611 - ACE expenditure	0	233	0	233	155
2612 - Flower Club	0	2,202	0	2,202	1,945
2613 - Gardening Club Expenditure	0	398	0	398	419
2730 - Depreciation P&M	7,639	0	0	7,639	7,604
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	15,585	0	0	15,585	652
2841 - Dawlish Close Insurance	530	0	0	530	189
2842 - Property Management	1,593	0	0	1,593	1,197
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	203,993	2,833	21,305	228,131	242,926
Other expenditure					
SHP1 - Net salary payment	37,260	0	(18,964)	18,296	16,803
Other expenditure Totals	37,260	0	(18,964)	18,296	16,803
Payments Grand totals	241,253	4,033	2,341	247,627	265,468



St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church

Annual Report from the PCC for 2025

**Prepared for
presentation at
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
11.30am on Sunday 17th May 2026
in the Parish Centre**



St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

COMMUNITY | INCLUSION | DISCIPLESHIP

"PUTTING JESUS AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY"

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The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Bramhall is registered with the Charity Commissioners (Registration No. 1133883).

2025



Incumbent:

Reverend Calum Piper

Parish Office:

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National Westminster Bank
The Vernon Building Society

Independent Examiner:

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Charity Number:

1133883

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www.bramhall.church

Front Cover Image:

Easter Crosses made by Schools who attended Experience Easter



Bramhall High Choir sing at Carols by Candlelight

Vicar's Introduction



2025 was a year that seemed to happen at pace, so much happened but it feels like the year went by incredibly quickly. Throughout 2025 we continued to be the Parish Church of Bramhall. A place where people could come to be part of community, to meet with God, to celebrate, remember and discover more of who they are and more of who God is.

There is much in 2025 to celebrate whilst also recognising that the year wasn't all plain sailing. As I have reflected on the year, I found myself led to Proverbs 3:5-6:

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

From my perspective and that of PCC, without specifically mentioning it, I think this has always been our aim. To faithfully trust in God, to be guided by him in all things, whether it's worship, outreach activities, pastoral care, building management or even charity governance and to seek the growth of his kingdom through our actions.

It's been a real joy to see the church community grow with several families and older individuals join the church and either express faith for the first time or see their faith re-kindled. It's been hard to say goodbye to a number of much-loved church family members, but the goodbye has been made slightly easier resting in the resurrection hope that we share.

Some of the challenges we have faced this year, particularly with the buildings we manage, have felt immense at times. I am so grateful for those who have served on PCC in the last year as we have climbed those mountains together but particularly Sue Howgego and Julie Sweeting who have on most occasions been leading the charge. Other challenges haven't been quite as large but still required great effort, like how to stage a massed choir with limited space and staging or running out of chairs with people queuing out the door for our carol service.

What we have seen in our shared life together in 2025 is fruit of faithful walking with the Lord and bountiful provision from God in his straightening our paths. To each and every member of the church family, young or old, thank you for being part of the family and bringing all of who you are to it.

I particularly want to say thank you to the staff team who do so much behind the scenes to enable our shared life and mission and also to the Churchwarden who do as much but as volunteers.

May we continue to trust in God together, to lean on him, and walk in the paths he has laid for us.

Revd Calum Piper
Vicar

Churchwardens' Message

It is fair to say that 2025 has been the most challenging year we have had as a team.

Who knew that two wardens could project manage two major refurbishments simultaneously, whilst juggling the everyday duties, staff sickness/holiday cover and two grandchildren?

The kitchen refurbishment took much longer than anticipated. It saw us demanding that things were re-done, battling with suppliers over how much we should pay them and juggling alternative arrangements for hirers who expected to use our kitchen.

We are delighted to say it is complete.

Dawlish Close needed a major refurbishment when our tenant left the property. We are thankful to everyone who helped to clear the garden, rip up carpets, clean the property, do minor repairs (the majority was done by Hazeldines) and do tip runs. As wardens we learnt to lay turf in the pouring rain and are happy to say the grass is still alive.

We now have a new family living there who are delighted with the property.

We continue to step in as verger for weddings and funerals as required, with the occasional welcoming duty thrown in for good measure.

It is always a privilege to lay a wreath at the cenotaph and this year it was carried out by Julie.

Sharing our premises with others is always good. This year has seen the Diocese use our hall for a Deanery Episcopal visit, finance training event and for foundations for ministry meetings.

As volunteers we continue to encourage people to visit church through our fundraising events. This year has seen a Cluedo quiz night, an afternoon tea, a May Fair, a fashion show, plant sales and a November Craft Fair. All the money that we raised in this and previous years was used to help pay for the kitchen refurbishment. In 2026, we will be raising money for new church projects.

We enjoy participating in the noisy sections of Experience Easter and Christmas. Encouraging children to be comfortable in church is great fun. All the school groups are different and there is always at least one character amongst them.

This year we also helped with holiday club. It was an exhausting pleasure.

Sue continues to act as treasurer. Please pray for a solution, it is too much work to act as treasurer and warden.

All the things in our report are part of a busy church life. They are not all warden duties but things we can all enjoy as a church family.

We are grateful to have supportive families and teams around us.

Our thanks, must go to Calum for his leadership and support this year when we were stretched to the limits of our capabilities.

Sue Howgego and Julie Sweeting

Churchwardens

Review of the Church's Year 2025

People

The church was led through the year by a dedicated team – Vicar Calum Piper, Reader Mark Hackney, Ordinand Jo Oughton, Children's Minister Jenny Gallimore, Director of Music Alex Walker, Communications Officer Karen Elsey, Church Administrator Julie (Jules) Elkington.

The year saw the sad loss of several members of the congregation. Among those who died and will be sorely missed were Russell Lewis, Julie Hackney, Anthony Leather, Hilda Robinson, June Malam, Judy Franks, Sheila Middleton and Graham Knight. We were delighted to welcome several new members to each of our four regular congregations.

Worship

Our worship life remained committed to ensuring that there was a range of worship styles and to making the worship of God as accessible as possible to all. Three services continued to be offered on Sundays, at 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., along with a Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion, at 10.30 a.m. The 10.00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed when possible to allow people at home to join in. These **"Church at Home"** remote services are attended by an average of 95 people each week.

St Michael's Voices, under the leadership of our Director of Music Alex Walker, continued to grow and expand its repertoire. They sang monthly at the 10.00 Sunday service, as well as for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, and at the service of Lessons and Carols before Christmas, when they were joined by the Meraki Choir.

On **Easter** Sunday, with the inclusion of the Easter Vigil service, attendance was 284, with 237 communicants. During Holy Week services included a Meditation evening, a Taize service, and a sung service of Compline, along with a Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Good Friday observance, and an Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

A survey of attendance over all services in **October** showed an average midweek attendance of 20, with an average Sunday attendance of 118 adults and 13 children which is a slight increase on 2024.

Overall **Advent** attendance from Advent Sunday to 23 December was 624 for the congregation and local community, plus 1560 attending school carol services. Total attendance on **Christmas** Eve and Christmas Day, including two Christingle services, was 1125. There were 170 communicants at the Christmas Midnight Communion along with the morning Christmas Day service.



The illuminated **JOY** artwork outside the east wall of the church was once again admired as a way of focusing attention for passers-by during Advent and Christmas. A further art installation of **HOPE**, created for Easter in 2022, was appreciated both by churchgoers and by passers-by.

Over the year there were 11 baptisms, 5 weddings, 14 funerals in church, 14 funeral services at the crematorium, and 8 burials of ashes or simple committals.

In 2025 we also commissioned 3 of our members as Occasional Worship Leaders having been trained and authorised by the Diocese. Phil Wadsworth, Brian Gordon and Tricia Munn have joined Mark Hackney and Jo Oughton in leading worship which has been not just a blessing to the rotas but to the wider church family. Alex Walker also attended the Occasional Worship Leader training in 2025.

The **Flower Club** have welcomed new members during 2025 bringing their number to 16 flowers arrangers and one very important lady to make tea and coffee. Flower arrangements were done for Easter, Dedication, Patronal and Harvest and Christmas. They also provided arrangements for four weddings and a funeral. The flower club also arrange flowers throughout the year in memory of loved ones.

A weekly collection of food and toiletry items continued to be made for **Chelwood Food Bank** in Stockport during 2025. The congregation continues to give generously.

Discipleship

Three specifically focussed discipleship groups continued to operate in 2025 which were:

- The Monday **Life Doorway** group, led fortnightly by Tricia and Bob Munn, has continued and seen new members join the group.
- *The **Tuesday Fellowship** meets monthly in the afternoon, and is led by Pauline D'Souza. Members take turns reading suggested passages from the Bible and the commentary from the study notes before launching into related discussions, often bringing in personal experiences and interests. Thoughtful participation is so good that progress with the study material is sometimes slower than intended!*
- **Life Ladybrook** has been a really positive and encouraging space over the years, drawing people together each time for honest conversation, shared questions, and the chance to explore and deepen their own faith journeys in a relaxed and welcoming setting. It's been especially good to see how people have grown in confidence talking about faith, and how relationships have formed along the way.

During Lent members of the congregation shared what Hope meant to them on social media as a way of encouraging people to reflect on one of the key themes of Easter. During Advent recordings were made and posted on social media for each day with reflections around the theme of Joy.

A Bible Study group led by the Vicar meets fortnightly.

The Library, based in the Lounge, has continued to resource the congregation, and is overseen by librarian Dorothy Wright.

Ministry to Younger Generations

2025 has been a year of growth, encouragement, and increasing opportunity within children's ministry at St Michael's. Across all areas of ministry, we have seen steady attendance, strong engagement from families, and increasing connections with our local community through schools and outreach events.

At the same time, this growth has highlighted the need to develop and expand our provision, particularly in our Sunday groups, as we seek to better serve children of different ages and stages.

Buds

"Buds" continued to thrive throughout 2025, with average weekly attendance growing from around 10–12 children at the start of the year to consistently 15-16 children as new families joined, including those connected to recent baptisms. Encouragingly, we have welcomed additional volunteers during the year, which has helped to sustain the rota and support the growing number of children.

The group remained lively, joyful, and well-attended, with children engaging well in teaching and activities. However, as the year progressed, it became increasingly clear that the wide age range within Buds presented challenges. Older children began to outgrow the structure and content of the group.

In response to this growth, plans were developed to restructure our Sunday children's ministry into age-appropriate groups:

- **Juniors** (ages 0 - 3)
- **Explorers** (ages 4 - 8)
- **Tribe** (ages 9 - 14)

The aim of these groups is to provide more age-appropriate teaching and discipleship, to better support children as they grow in faith and to create a clearer pathway for children to progress into youth discipleship.

Admission to Communion

It has been a particular joy this year to prepare a number of our children for admission to communion. Walking alongside them as they explored the meaning of the Eucharist and what it means to belong to God's family has been a real privilege.

We were delighted to see these children receive their first communion in September, a significant and joyful milestone in their faith journey, and a wonderful encouragement to the whole church family.

Midweek Ministry - Active Angels

Active Angels continues to be a key point of contact with local families and remains extremely well-attended. New families have joined consistently throughout the year, with word-of-mouth recommendations continuing to drive growth. Feedback from parents and carers has been overwhelmingly positive!

Seasonal highlights included:

- A well-attended Christmas party (61 children plus adults)
- A summer party to mark the end of term

Schools Work

Our links with local schools have continued to strengthen over the past year. Jenny gave regular assemblies at Nevill Road Primary School and Ladybrook Primary School over the course of the year. These assemblies are consistently well received, with children engaging positively. We held Experience Easter and Experience Christmas events for all the primary schools in Bramhall in 2025. These interactive events remain a key part of our schools ministry, offering children a memorable and engaging encounter with the Christian story. Feedback from schools has been very positive. 324 children attended Experience Easter and 270 children attended Experience Christmas.

Holiday Clubs

This year we joined with Churches Together in hosting two school holiday clubs for the young people of Bramhall. 54 children attended the Easter holiday club, and it was a joyful albeit exhausting day for the leaders! There was strongly positive feedback from both children and parents. During the first week of August we hosted a 4-day Summer Holiday Club in collaboration with Churches Together. This was a huge undertaking and required a lot of work co-ordinating volunteers and preparing resources. It was a resounding success, with 40 children attending, many of whom don't usually attend church.

Uniformed Organisations

We have continued to build encouraging links with local uniformed organisations. Jenny visited both 4th Bramhall Cubs and 4th Bramhall Beavers to deliver sessions on Lent and Christmas, which were well received. These relationships provide valuable opportunities for outreach and discipleship beyond Sunday services.

Baptisms and Families

It has been a joy to meet with several families for baptism preparation this year. Encouragingly, a number of these families have gone on to engage with Buds and other areas of church life.

This ongoing connection between baptism ministry and children's ministry is an important area for continued growth.

Conclusion

We give thanks for all that God has been doing in and through the children's ministry at St Michael's this year. It has been a year of growth, both in numbers and in depth of engagement.

With this growth comes both opportunity and challenge, particularly in terms of capacity and structure. As we look ahead, the development of new groups and the recruitment of volunteers will be crucial in enabling us to continue nurturing children and families in faith.



Fellowship and Community

2025 saw continued fellowship within church activities and organisations. The monthly breakfast after the 8.00 a.m. Sunday service continued.

The programme of Friday fundraising events, set up to raise funds for church projects but also for everyone to enjoy, continued throughout the year. During 2025 there were 5 events. They were:

- Afternoon Tea
- May Fair
- Cluedo Quiz
- Fashion Show
- Craft & Gift fair including a Willow Weaving Workshop

These events would not be possible without the help from volunteers, so a big thank you to them for all that they have done.

Reader Mark Hackney has continued leading worship in four care homes in the community, Abbeyfield, Meadway, Bramhall Manor and Ladybrook Manor. A growing number of congregants who are currently unable to attend church have received monthly visits for a service of Holy Communion.

In September we took part in our first Heritage Open Weekend, following the church's new status as a listed building. We offered a range of resources and activities to help visitors explore the building's history, although poor weather meant overall visitor numbers were lower than we had hoped. On the Sunday we combined the programme with an organ event, partnering with the Royal College of Organists; with five organs in the building, the event was very well attended and proved a real highlight of the weekend.

The Field of Light event just before Christmas for people to light a candle in memory of a loved one returned to being held outside this year with the weather holding throughout the evening.

The Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union continued with our theme 'Faith, Fun and Fellowship', enjoying a variety of interesting talks and demonstrations this year.

Members are encouraged to follow the daily prayers in the MU Prayer Diary, and participated in the World Day of Prayer service in March, and Worldwide Wave of Prayer in May. MU supported the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence awareness by prayer and distributing orange ribbons to members of the church congregation.

Collections and fundraising have supported the MU overseas work; MU diocesan fund; Prison Ministry gifts for new mothers at HMP Styal, and Bags for Education containing student supplies for underprivileged children in the Ukraine.

ACE (Arts and Craft Experience) has met on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of most months. On the latter occasions the extended session includes the sharing of a Faith Lunch.

TGiM (Thank God it's Monday) fellowship lunches for retired people held on the second Monday of the month continued to be well attended during 2025. Often guest speakers have given presentations which have proven to be very enjoyable, interesting and thought-provoking.

Buildings and Grounds

(incorporating fabric and ornaments report)

The churchwardens have carried out their annual inspection of the buildings, furniture and fittings of St Michael and All Angels and have reported back to the PCC on their findings.

In 2025, quite a few things have been bought or replaced.

We bought a new lawnmower with the donation we had received for its purchase. The old lawn mower is waiting to be sold.

We have not only renovated the kitchen units, but also bought a water boiler, fridge freezer and dishwasher as well as new flooring for that area.

In June we had the lighting in the hall updated which cost just over £8,000. This took quite a while to get right as some of the units didn't always come on or stay on. The bargeboards were replaced in August costing £3,216. In addition we bought a new laptop, had the organ serviced and the security alarm board repaired because it was faulty.

The grounds continue to be maintained by a small group of volunteers. This is not a closed group, anyone is welcome to come along and help and you do not need to be a parishioner.

A Monday morning is the usual gardening slot with a break for tea and biscuits.

Safeguarding

We are committed to high standards of safeguarding practice at St Michael and All Angels. The Safeguarding team (Louise Sell, Sue Taylor, Sheila Collins) continue to meet regularly with Calum Piper and Jenny Gallimore, the Children's Minister. They liaise regularly with the Churchwardens Julie Sweeting and Sue Howgego. The meetings are an opportunity to check that our systems and processes are fit for purpose, to review safeguarding elements of church policies and risk assessments, to discuss any formal and informal safeguarding concerns, and to respond to diocesan communication.

The support provided by the diocese to safeguarding in the parish has continued to evolve. Louise, Sue and Sheila have regularly attended network meetings for safeguarding officers across the diocese, facilitated by the diocesan safeguarding team. These events are an opportunity to discuss updates from the national and diocesan team, to discuss a range of topics related to safeguarding, and to share local approaches to enhancing safeguarding in every parish. The administrative system continues to evolve and we use the Parish Dashboard. A brief report is generated by the system for each



Parochial Church Council meeting, with a full report annually. The reports give the Parochial Church Council assurance about what actions have been undertaken and what still needs to be done. Since the requirements are continually evolving no parish is expected to be in a position where everything is marked as green and up to date. Alongside the dashboard, there is also a Parish Hub. The safeguarding team use this as a place to list and define all our church staff and volunteer roles, with DBS and training requirements and compliance for each person. The Hub and the dashboard contain convenient links to relevant safeguarding policies, documents and support, principally contained within the electronic safeguarding manual.

During the year the team have reviewed and contributed to the risk assessments for Active Angels, and events including Holiday Clubs, Experience Christmas and Easter, Pancake Day, Parish Lunches and fund raising / outreach events. The safeguarding team have liaised regularly with the pastoral care team.



*Supporting Light up
Bramhall*



*Newly Married
Mr and Mrs Sperry*



Carols by Candlelight



Easter Vigil



*Occasional Worship Leaders
(Phil W, Tricia M, Brian G)*



4th Bramhall (St Michaels) Scout Leaders

Vision 2030

During 2022 the PCC had spent a considerable time working to draw together a vision for the church for seven years ahead. When completed it stated:

In 2030 St Michael's will be a church where:

- **We proclaim our faith confidently**
- **We embrace a mixed ecology of worship**
- **Our membership is reflective of the wider Parish**
- **Our resources are used sustainably**
- **We serve our community actively**

Working through of this vision remained a priority in 2025, as the PCC developed its ideas on how to implement the vision most effectively. Over the last year we have achieved the following under each of the statements:

We proclaim our faith confidently

- A wider variety of church members engaged with the social media outreach around Hope and Joy
- We ran The Bible Society Bible Course with over 25 people attending each week.

We embrace a mixed ecology of worship

- We have continued to value the diversity of worship across our four services. Work has been done to broaden the style of music used at joint services throughout the year

Our membership is reflective of the wider Parish

- A number of families have joined the church widening our diversity as a church. With the growth in our children's ministry several new members have commented on the richness of the church being a family of all ages.

Our resources are used sustainably

- We continue to review energy usage and attempt to reduce the amount spent particularly on heating the building. During the winter months the 8am and Midweek Services take place in the Church Lounge.
- The finance team continue to monitor what is spent in the church and reductions in spend are made where possible.
- A number of people have stepped down from roles over the last few months and a real focus going into 2026 is to encourage more people to serve within the church community releasing some individuals from what has become a greater burden.

We serve our community actively

- We were present at the Light up Bramhall and Summer Festival in the village centre this year, being a visible presence and engaging with the local population. A number of our members helped in the organising of each festival.
- We continue to support the foodbank.
- Conversations have started with the local high school around building a relationship between the church and school to work more closely together.
- The Vicar is a governor at Moss Hey Primary School as well as being the Chair of Trustees of Ladybrook Valley Scout District.
- A relationship began to form at the end of the year with a new Men in Sheds group that hope to use the site in future years building a group specifically for men to help overcome issues of isolation and loneliness.

The PCC

Membership

Members of the PCC either hold office *ex officio* or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. A small number of members may also be co-opted. Commencing from the 2024 APCM, elections to the PCC confer membership for three years, with a maximum service of six consecutive years, after which members must stand down for at least one year. During 2025 the following served as members of the PCC.

Ex-officio Members

Clergy	The Reverend Calum Piper (<i>Vicar & Chairman</i>)	
Churchwardens	Sue Howgego	Julie Sweeting
Reader	Mark Hackney	
Pastoral Worker	John Baker	
Deanery Synod Representatives from APCM 2023 (<i>elected for 3 years- to 2026</i>)		
	Sheila Collins	Phil Wadsworth
	Janet Ketteringham	David Walker
	Bob Munn	

Elected Members

Lay representatives

Elected for 3 years (to 2028):

Brian Gordon
Bob Laing
Shirley Smith

Elected for 3 years (to 2027):

Rachel Chadwick
Doreen Donnan
George Foot
Phil Ketteringham
Brenda Knight
Sheila Newbon
Louise Sell

Elected for 2 years (to 2026):

Peter Driver (*elected Sept. 2024*)
Michael Holmes
Tricia Munn
David Taylor
Sue Taylor
Ann Walker

Co-opted member

Jenny Gallimore

Committees

The PCC operates with two permanent committees, and with working groups reporting to them about any special projects or tasks. These committees and working groups meet and report as necessary to the PCC.

Standing Committee

Membership: *Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Vice-Chairman, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer*

This Committee is required by church law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It met six times during 2025, primarily to set agendas for PCC meetings.

Finance and Buildings Committee

Membership: *Bob Munn (Chairman), Vicar, Churchwardens, George Foot, Mike Holmes, Janet Ketteringham, Louise Sell, Hedley Smith (PCC Health, Safety & Environmental Officer), David Taylor*

Remit: The overall aim of this committee is to provide and maintain the material and other resources needed to carry out God's work at St. Michael's. It is responsible for finance; care of buildings and grounds; health, safety and environmental issues; and personnel matters. It has powers delegated from the PCC to deal with smaller and more detailed matters, and it provides advice and makes recommendations to the PCC on more substantial ones, including the annual budget and reserves. It met six times during 2025.

Treasurer: We have not been able to appoint a new Treasurer, so Sue Howgego has continued acting as Treasurer. The committee is enormously grateful for all the work this entails in addition to her duties as Warden, and for the work of the rest of the finance team. We still look to appoint a substantive Treasurer as soon as possible.

Planned giving: Thanksgiving Sunday was again held in the autumn to inform the budget for 2026. We have joined the national Parish Giving Scheme to make donations easier to handle and tax relief easier to claim.

Banking arrangements: We closed our fee-bearing accounts with HSBC and opened two interest-bearing charity accounts with the Vernon Building Society, which has a branch in Bramhall. We consolidated three investment accounts (managed by CCLA on behalf of the Church of England Board of Finance) into two by closing the worst performing one.

Health, Safety & Environment: The Health, Safety & Environmental Officer provided regular updates across the site and buildings, which the committee reported on to the PCC. He reported no serious issues. However, the fire alarm system proved unreliable, failing frequently and incurring costly call-out fees for repair work that failed to solve the problems. We therefore cancelled our contract with the equipment suppliers in favour of simpler and cheaper arrangements (approved by our insurers) that will now also cover the church itself.

Work on the **Parish Centre kitchen** and **33 Dawlish Close** took up significant time, especially for the Wardens. The parish property at 33 Dawlish Close was extensively refurbished and then let to new tenants through a new lettings management company at an increased rental. Income from letting the Parish Centre made a valuable contribution to our running costs, as did literary and musical events in the church.

Eco Action Group

Membership: Hamida Adkins, Frances Beards, Peter Crossen, Robert Cryer, Doreen Donnan, George Foot, Bryan Goodwin, Sheila Newbon, Calum Piper, Louise Richardson, Helen Russ, Phil Wadsworth (Chairperson), Jonathan Worne

Parish Development Group (Finance)

Current Membership: Louise Richardson, Sue Taylor, Stuart Villard, Phil Wadsworth, Michael Holmes.

Membership (Electoral) Roll Report

Under the Church Representation Rules, The membership Roll for the Parish must be renewed every six years and revised each year thereafter for presentation at the church's APCM. 2025 marked the year in which we renewed the Roll, effectively starting from scratch. The new Roll, which began after the APCM, has been revised and updated before each PCC. The figures presented below are those up to March 2026, because the rules stipulate when we must pause and collate final figures, and in our case, that is March 2026.

The Parish therefore currently comprises 209 members, of whom 157 reside within the parish boundary and 52 are outside it.

Policies

As a registered charity, every year St Michael's has to send the Charity Commission a report and our accounts. For 2023 the Charity Commission asked charities to report whether they had a number of specific policies to manage risks to the charity's continuing operations. Checking showed that we had most of the expected policies, with one or two still under development, but some were not clearly set out. This prompted a review of our policies during 2024. The outcome was a new overall policy statement on how we manage different risks through our various policies; a new Serious Incident Policy (which we hope never to have to use); and new policies on Social Media and on activities for which we will not hire our premises (basically if they contradict the values of the Church of England, may cause distress, or are party political – private room hire and hustings open to all parties are not excluded).

All policies have been brought to a common format, headed by a summary of the scope and main provisions of the policy. The policies are listed with their summaries on our website.



Everyday Faith Podcast Recording



Watoto Concert

Deanery Synod

Cheadle Deanery Synod met three times in 2025. The first meeting took place on 26th February at Emmanuel Cheadle Hulme where updates were invited from parishes sharing what God was doing around the deanery. The 2nd meeting was held on the 20th May at St Catherine's Heald Green where Claire Ratcliffe from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team gave a presentation. The final meeting of the year took place on 8th October at St Georges Poynton where Rebecca Holland gave a presentation on the new Strategic Programme for the diocese.

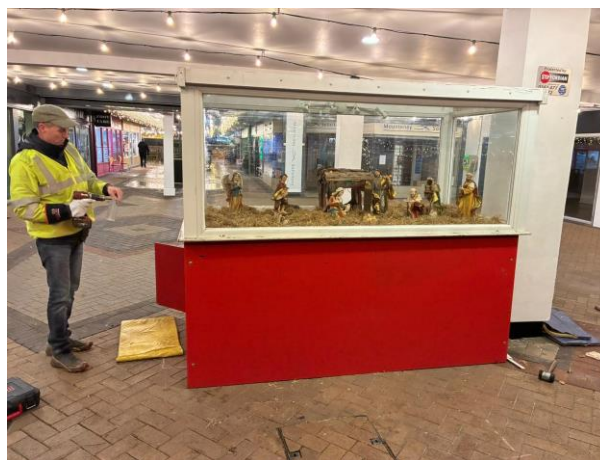
The deanery also hosted all three Bishops for a 2 day visitation in March where Bishops visited churches, schools and other organisations where partnerships were being formed.

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford

The work of Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford grew in 2025 with the Churches coming together not just for the annual Good Friday procession and act of worship but for a number of missional outreach events. These included hosting the Watoto Choir for a concert whilst on their tour of the UK, 2 school holiday clubs and a mission week with young people working with The Message. Through Fords Lane Church, Churches Together has also developed a youth drop in which has links with Bramhall High School.



Christingle



Churches Together Village Nativity



Wedding

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires charities to report on how their activities carried out their aims for the public benefit. In reporting, the PCC has had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Worship

Services are open to all, and the church is open for private prayer and meditation on weekdays. Services of worship take place each Sunday and Wednesday in the parish church.

Occasional Offices

The church is normally used for baptisms, weddings and funerals. During 2025 there were 11 baptisms, 5 weddings, 14 funerals in church, 14 funeral services at the crematorium, and 8 burials of ashes or other committals.

Education

Contacts have been made with some local schools, and links are maintained with uniformed organisations. Learning about the Christian faith is fostered by sermons, by all-age services, by short study programmes, and by a variety of house groups, sometimes meeting digitally. Parties of local school children visit the church as part of their curriculum and are introduced to the building and the activities that go on in it. A local school sometimes borrows equipment. This work takes place in the context of our Strategy for Children and Young People.

Concerts

The church building is available for booking by organisations that present concerts and literary events.

Pastoral Care

The church leads worship in four care homes in the community, Abbeyfield, Meadway, Bramhall Manor and Ladybrook Manor. A growing number of congregants who are currently unable to attend church have received monthly visits for a service of Holy Communion. The clergy have visited and ministered to those in hospital or hospice. A new Pastoral Care team visits ill or elderly parishioners.



Scouts and Guides

St Michael's sponsors the 4th Bramhall Scout Group and 4th Bramhall Guides and Brownies, each of which has a policy of open recruitment. The Scouts have their own premises, but the Guides meet in the Church Hall. Both organizations use the church grounds for outdoor activities such as games and cooking.

Active Angels

Active Angels provides activities for pre-school children with their mothers or other carers.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for hiring when not required for church use. It is often the venue for meetings of charities and other bodies, and various special events and parties.

Giving to Missions and Charities

The PCC gives to missions and charities from any surplus voluntary income. Missions and charities also benefit from funds raised by special collections and fund-raising activities such as

The Watoto children's choir who visited us in March and the event raised £1959.94 for them.

The Children's Society for whom we raised £1355.75 at the Christingle services.

Oasis Centre: We donated clothes to the Oasis centre in Gorton. Calum, Julie and Sue also went to see the centre along with other vicars and wardens *and all went away impressed at God's work.*

Chelwood Foodbank: A collection of food and toiletry items is made every week, normally at both morning services, and donated to this Food Bank in Stockport the following day.

Financial Review *from the acting Treasurer*

for the year ended 31st December 2025

The total income for the year was £234,772 and expenditure was £247,627 giving a deficit of £12,856. Although we had budgeted for a deficit of £20,145, we were on track to make a profit in 2025, but then we had unexpected major refurbishment on Dawlish Close after the termination of the lease in October 2025. The amount incurred on Dawlish in 2025 totalled £23,027.

Some of these expenses have been capitalised and are being depreciated over 5 years. The balance of £14,459 has been charged to the income and expenditure account.

We also carried out the refurbishment of the kitchen at a cost of £21,118. The monies for this had been raised with the various events we had run over the last couple of years and totalled £16,096. The difference between the amounts raised and the final cost, £5,022 being funded by the legacies that we have received, one of which was specifically for the kitchen.

A one-off payment that we incurred in 2025 was the termination payment we made to our alarm supplier, Securitas. We originally had a 10 year contract with them and the costs and charges were being increased to the point where it was becoming onerous. The termination payment we had to pay was £5,519 which is cheaper than the quarterly charges that we would have incurred if the contract had continued to the termination date.

In summary, the additional, unanticipated charges to the income and expenditure account were:

Dawlish	£14,459
Securitas	£5,519
<i>Total</i>	<i>£19,978</i>
Loss for 2025	£12,856
Gain if the above had not been incurred	£7,122

A budget has been set for 2026 so we will continue to monitor our actual expenditure against income and hopefully 2026 will be an improvement.

At this point, I think it is important to acknowledge the finance team who work quietly and efficiently in the background. Thank you for all your hard work.

Accounts



St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church

Annual Report from the PCC for 2024

**Prepared for
presentation at
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 11 May 2025
at 11.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre**



St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

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"PUTTING JESUS AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY"

St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has responsibility for maintaining the site and buildings that comprise St Michael and All Angels Church and Parish Centre, together with the land and grounds of the church and all other properties owned by the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Bramhall is registered with the Charity Commissioners (Registration No. 1133883).



Confirmation Candidates with Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop of Chester

2024

Incumbent:
Reverend Calum Piper

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Joy Board shining in the
Darkness

Vicar's Introduction



Every year as we prepare for the Annual Meeting I have the real joy of getting to read this report first and be reminded of all that happened in the previous year. I try to take the opportunity in this introduction to do two things; firstly to sum up the main themes of the report and secondly commend the report to you.

So much happened throughout the year and as I have been reflecting, I have been giving thanks for my church family. So much of our life together has demonstrated that we aren't just a group of random people that happen to gather together each week, but we are brothers and sisters brought together as one family by Jesus.

Throughout last year we have cried together and laughed together. We have welcomed new members and commended dear friends to God's care. We have walked together and moved the odd bit of furniture together. We have carried one another burdens and encouraged one another in faith.

I am so thankful to share life with such an amazing church family. 2024 wasn't without its challenges, from continuing to steward our resources wisely to the wider crises of the Church of England, but through all of these the promise of Jesus has been my strength: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)

To each of you, thank you for encouraging me in my faith and being part of the family. To each of the staff team members; Jenny, Alex, Karen and Jules, thank you for your hard work in sharing the joy of Jesus with others. To Mark and Jo, thank you for your commitment and dedication in the leading of worship. To Julie and Sue our Churchwardens, thank you! It has been a joy to serve alongside you, thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty, and thank you for the odd chocolate bar throughout the year too. To the wider PCC, safeguarding teams and volunteer teams thank you for your devotion and willingness to serve – without you so much simply wouldn't happen.

I commend this report to you both as a reminder of all that has been but as an encouragement to embrace all that God still has for us.

May the Lord continue to be your guide and strength, your joy and your inspiration.

Revd Calum Piper
Vicar



Churchwardens' Message

2024 has been a challenging but rewarding year for the Wardens. Following the sudden death of our Treasurer Rob Watson, Sue has stepped in to, temporarily, fill the position. We really need someone to step forward to fill this position so please pray hard for a solution.

We spent three months in the office following the departure of administrator Janet. It has been a joy to welcome Julie Elkington to the team and a steep learning curve for all of us. The office is a busy place, and actually doing the job on a daily basis makes you appreciate our team even more.

We would like to share in our report two main things you need to be a Warden. The first is adaptability. During the past year we have stood in as Verger at weddings and funerals, been a keyholder at parties, stood in for the cleaner, attended Warden training, done a landlord inspection on Dawlish Close, learnt how to fix the barrel in the church door when it sticks, moved furniture and put the staging up and down numerous times.

We continue to do our weekly checks and arrange regular maintenance on the building and the annual ticking off of The Terrier. When Archdeacon Jane Proudfoot came to do our inspection we passed with flying colours and were told we could 'have a gold star'.

As Wardens we have overseen many works at the church, all listed in the Buildings and Grounds section of the report. These include the refurbishment of the organ, a new flat roof on the parish centre and a new roof on the vestry. We are delighted that we are now a listed building.

It has been our honour to 'staff in' Bishop Mark at the confirmation service, to take part in the Walk of Witness, and to lay a wreath at the cenotaph.

The Wardens continue to hold fundraising/social events to encourage people from outside church to step into the building. We have held a pancake night, games show night, May Fair, fashion show, Christmas carol sing along, November craft fair and plant sales. These events raise much needed funds for our maintenance projects.

As volunteers we have joined grounds day, attended the bring and share lunch, helped with the field of light, helped to make Christingles, joined the choir, attended the Alpha course, helped at Experience Easter and Experience Christmas. We walked 14.2 miles with Sheila Newbon to support her 80th birthday challenge.

Many of the things listed above are not 'Warden jobs'. They are what happen when you immerse yourselves in church family life.

The other thing you need as Warden is Faith - Faith that God will provide us with the strength, staff and volunteers to carry out all of the tasks.

We are very thankful to have such a supportive team around us in church and understanding husbands at home. Special thanks must go to Calum who goes above and beyond to ensure we have safe facilities whilst growing our parish.

Sue Howgego and Julie Sweeting

Churchwardens



Review of the Church's Year 2024

People

The church was led through the year by a dedicated team – Vicar Calum Piper, Reader Mark Hackney, Ordinand Jo Oughton, Children's Minister Jenny Gallimore, Director of Music Alex Walker, and Wardens Sue Howgego and Julie Sweeting. Karen Elsey was appointed as Communications Officer, and in May Julie (Jules) Elkington replaced Janet Blackshaw as Church Administrator.

The year saw the sad loss of several members of the congregation. Among those who died and will be sorely missed were Dorothy Jopson, Betty Scott, Rob Watson, Joane Anderton, Hazel Fuller, Susan Paley, Peter Illingworth, Marjorie Hulme, Jean Lewis, Arthur Mellor and David Ward. We were delighted to welcome nine new members to the regular congregation.

Worship

Our worship life remained committed to ensuring that there was a range of worship styles and to making the worship of God as accessible as possible to all. Three services continued to be offered on Sundays, at 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., along with a Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion, at 10.30 a.m. The 10.00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed when possible to allow people at home to join in. These “**Church at Home**” remote services are attended by an average of 46 people each week.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark, who visited the church for a service of **Confirmation** on 10 November, the confirmation shared with candidates from All Saints, Cheadle Hulme, and Macclesfield Team Parish. Bishop Mark baptised and confirmed one candidate, and confirmed a further five.

St Michael's Voices, under the leadership of our Director of Music Alex Walker, sang monthly at the 10.00 Sunday service, as well as for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, and at the service of Lessons and Carols before Christmas, when they were joined by the Meraki Choir.

On **Easter** Sunday, with the inclusion of the Easter Vigil service, attendance was 300, with 257 communicants. During Holy Week services included a Mediation evening, a Taize service, and a sung service of Compline, along with a Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Good Friday observance, and an Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

A survey of attendance over all services in **October** showed an average weekly attendance of 40, with an average Sunday attendance of 123, including children.

Overall **Advent** attendance from Advent Sunday to 23 December was 598 for the congregation and local community, plus 1382 attending school carol services. Total attendance on **Christmas** Eve and Christmas Day, including two Christingle services, was 968. There were 161 communicants at the Christmas Midnight Communion along with the morning Christmas Day service.

The illuminated **JOY** artwork outside the east wall of the church was once again admired as a way of focusing attention for passers-by during Advent and Christmas. A further art installation of **HOPE**, created for Easter in 2022, was appreciated both by churchgoers and by passers-by.

Over the year there were 10 baptisms, 2 weddings, 12 funerals in church, 10 funeral services at the crematorium, and 10 burials of ashes or simple committals.

For the **Flower Club** 2024 was quite quiet for the most part, with only one wedding. The major event of the year was the Flower Display for the Spirit of Art Festival, the theme being St Michael's and the events that take place throughout the year, Easter, Lent, Advent, Prayer and Music to name a few. Everyone involved loved doing their arrangements; each member involved chose their own flowers appropriate to the occasion they were representing. The Flower Club is hopeful of several weddings in 2025 and of course the usual special celebrations, starting with Lilies for Easter. Unfortunately membership is dwindling for various reasons and the Club would welcome anyone who loves flowers and would like to learn more about arranging flowers.

The **Serving Team** has continued with its usual activities throughout the year. Additional members of the team are always welcome, so if you'd like to have the opportunity to get involved in this aspect of ministry, which also helps you increase your knowledge of what happens at services and other aspects of our worshipping life, or would like to discuss the possibility, please contact Phil Wadsworth.

A weekly collection of food and toiletry items continued to be made for **Chelwood Food Bank** in Stockport during 2024. The congregation continues to give generously.

Discipleship

Life Groups were established late in 2022 with the intention within the groups of sharing life and faith, and encouraging one another. By 2024 they comprised:

- The **Life 40** group, primarily for under 40s to come together for fellowship, food and growing together in faith. This meets fortnightly at the Vicarage, and is led by Calum and Jess Piper.
- The Monday **Life Doorway** group, led fortnightly by Tricia and Bob Munn, has spent time among other things on a Bible study of 1 Peter, watching and discussing a video series on Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell, exploring the Creeds, and learning about faith in the USA from a visiting friend. The Christmas session involved a hilarious time playing "Bible Baffle".
- **The Tuesday Fellowship** meets monthly in the afternoon, and is led by Pauline D'Souza. They have used downloaded study material such as *Being Human* by John Birch. Members take turns reading suggested passages from the Bible and the commentary from the study notes before launching into related discussions, often bringing in personal experiences and interests. Thoughtful participation is so good that progress with the study material is sometimes slower than intended!
- **Life Ladybrook**, led by Jo Oughton, invites people to ask Big Questions about Faith and to discuss them in a relaxed environment over a drink. It meets on the first Monday of the month at the Ladybrook pub.
- An **Alpha** course attended by 14 people took place early in the year.

During Lent, recordings were made and posted on social media for each day with reflections on a chosen Psalm. This was repeated during Advent, when the reflections were based on a line of a Christmas carol. Some of these were also used as part of the Service of Lessons and Carols.

A monthly prayer meeting has been established, as part of the desire to encourage more prayer among the congregation. A Bible Study group led by the Vicar meets fortnightly. Sermon series through the year included several sessions on the theme of Worship.

The Library, based in the Lounge, has continued to resource the congregation, and is overseen by librarian Dorothy Wright.

Ministry to Younger Generations

Jenny Gallimore was appointed as the Children's Worker in January 2023, with several goals in mind – to continue to improve children's ministry at St Michael's, to strengthen the church's relationships with the local primary schools, uniformed organisations and the wider community, and to help support children in developing their faith and relationship with God. In July 2024 the PCC warmly approved a new job title for her, and she became Children's Minister.



Children's Groups

- **Buds** – This ministry group is aimed at children aged 0 – 11 years old and has continued to run weekly during the 10am Sunday service. The number of children attending averages around 10 per session (sometimes more, sometimes less). Buds provides an opportunity for the children to play games, learn Bible stories, do crafts and learn about God in a safe and nurturing environment. It also gives children the opportunity to make friends at church. We tend to have more children attending Buds during Baptism services and at Easter and Christmas. Buds enjoyed taking part in the annual Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club Scarecrow Festival again, and this year were thrilled to win “Most Joyful” with their entry of “Lionel the Lion”!



- **Active Angels** – This playgroup has continued to thrive as a place for young children and their parents/carers. The time came for many of our regulars to move on to the next chapter of life (starting preschool/reception), but numbers attending the group have remained high, as new babies and families have started coming to playgroup.



- **Holiday Club** – A half-term holiday club was held on 28 May and saw lots of children and their families enjoy toys, games and crafts. Many of the Active Angels regulars attended and brought their older siblings with them.

- **Light Party** – Jenny teamed up with other members of Churches Together to put on an alternative to Halloween for the local children and families in the form of a Light Party, where we celebrated Jesus as the light of the world. This took place on 31 October at Ford's Lane Church. Over 20 children attended, and a great time was had by all (there were games, crafts, pizza, glow sticks and dancing!!).

Schools Work

Jenny has continued to work on strengthening our relationships with the local primary schools.

- She has taken numerous **assemblies** at Nevill Road Junior School and Ladybrook Primary School. She has also been in to visit Pownall Green School to deliver various classroom-based **R.E. sessions** with both Reception and Year 2.
- **Experience Easter:** Four schools came to visit St Michael's for "Experience Easter" in March (Queensgate, Pownall Green, Whitehill and Moss Hey). A total of 297 children and their accompanying adults learnt about the Easter Story through interactive stations, and the feedback from the schools was excellent! This event was put on with lots of work from a wonderful group of fantastic volunteers, all of whom Jenny is very grateful for!
- **Experience Christmas:** 350 local school children and around 35 adults (from Pownall Green, Ladybrook, Moss Hey, Queensgate and Nevill Road schools) came to learn about the Christmas story in an interactive way at St Michael's in December. It was a resounding success – feedback from the schools was very positive. Again, many thanks to the huge team of volunteers for helping to pull it off!



Uniformed Organisations

Jenny has also continued to strengthen our links with the various uniformed units associated with St Michael's Church. In February, the Beavers (4th Bramhall and 1st Woodford), Cubs (4th Bramhall) and Scouts (4th Bramhall) visited the church for an evening of pancake fun and activities, and in October, Jenny ran a session on Harvest with the 4th Bramhall Rainbows.

Children's Ministry Plans

As our children's ministry here at St Michael's has been continuing to grow, Jenny and Calum took the opportunity to reflect on how far we've come, and plan where we would like to be. They met with Jo to discuss a strategy going forwards to ensure that St Michael's is doing all that it can in order to maximise the reach and effectiveness of our children's ministry. Plans for the future include regular church family social nights, a youth activity sheet for children who outgrow Buds, adult service take-away sheets for parents of children in Buds, a larger scale summer holiday club (to be put on in collaboration with Churches Together) and continuing to work on our baptism ministry.

Christmas

Christmas was a joyful time which involved a lot of outreach to families and their children through services such as the Nativity and the Christingle. Both of these services were full of children and their families, which was wonderful to see.

St Michael's Guides

Our Guide unit has gone from strength to strength during the past twelve months. There was a time after Covid when we had only 6 Guides in our Unit and some weeks there were as many leaders as girls! The days of a full unit of 24 seemed a very long time ago. However, 2024 saw a real surge in interest and we have started back in the New Year with a total of 20 girls. It's wonderful to have such a lively and loud Tuesday evening!

The highlight of 2024 was GoldStock – a County wide camp to celebrate 50 years of GirlGuiding Stockport. 250 Rainbows, Brownies & Guides spent a glorious June weekend at a campsite near Preston, filled with activities, live performances, a fun fair, silent discos, amazing catering and lots of crafts. We continue to aim for a balanced programme with our Unit, including badge work, craft and lots of outdoor activities including night hikes and treasure hunts. We are also very lucky to have George Foot rejoining our unit.

Brownies

Last year we reported on the sad death of Ann Mason who had been involved in the St Michaels Brownie Unit for many years. Without Ann, it was not possible to continue running the unit, so it has folded, for now. Hopefully at some point in the future we will be blessed with someone who will have the time, energy and commitment to restart it.

Rainbows

Considering our Rainbow unit was going to close a couple of years ago when the Leader suddenly decided to step down, this too has grown in numbers and the unit is at full capacity. Katie works hard to keep the tiny girls busy, and she has some great support from the Young Leaders. The Rainbows spent an evening with the Guides helping them practice putting up tents for GoldStock and have also had a cinema trip to see *Matilda*.

4th Bramhall (St Michael's) Scouts

2024 was another great year for 4th Bramhall with lots of young people engaging with scouting activities, earning badges and attending camps. A Drey of Squirrels has been established for children aged 4 to 6. Last year we bid farewell to Jon Wood as Group Lead Volunteer who stepped down for family reasons and welcomed Matt Wilson as the new Lead Volunteer. We continue to look for new volunteers particularly with helping lead some of the sections or trustees to help with the governance of our group.

The Mill

It was after much prayer and difficult conversation that the trustees decided that the final session of The MILL would be on Friday 24 May 2024, after which they would close The MILL down, with due reference to the terms of the lease on the premises and the ordinances laid down by our Trust Deed.

For several months, if not years, before this decision was made, there had been a struggle to find new trustees to take on the running of the MILL. At the same time, they came realise, with sadness, that there are few if any youth workers anymore nationally, due to youth work training being sidelined and reduced to almost zero throughout the country. It is almost impossible to run all The Mill sessions each week with just one youth worker, and when Ian was offered full time work with his church, we had no replies at all to our adverts for a replacement.

This state of affairs maybe could have been overcome, but, additionally, not enough young people came along to our sessions – fewer than fifteen came each week when in the past we've seen as

many as 200+ come over a month of sessions. The whole ethos of youth work changed with Covid and subsequently with the way young people engaged with the world.

We sincerely and warmly thank you, the congregation and church, for supporting The MILL with your prayers and your donations of money, time and talent. We absolutely could never have even started this amazing adventure we have been on since the year 2000 without your help. We appreciate and are thankful that over the years many young people have passed through The MILL and, hopefully, they have experienced kindness and fairness and fun there, rooted in a Christian heart, which will be a rock for them to build on throughout their lives.

The Trustees have yet to finally close the bank account due to outstanding utility monies owed to them. There will be some money left over when all is settled which has to be used for similar purposes. The Trustees will inform Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford as to where it is sent. All the equipment within the Mill went to good homes in the area. The music and sound kit went to an enterprise working with marginalised people in Trafford; the seating and bar kit to a cricket club starting a youth project; the computers to Cadets working with young people in Brinnington; the craft kit and piano to a new primary school classroom; the Friendship group were given our Christian games and resources; SCOPE and the Thrift Shop were donated the kitchen equipment – so everything possible was given to a good home.

The Trustees hosted a joyful party in the summer at Bramhall Baptist Church, bringing everyone together who painted, cleaned, volunteered in the cafe, did youth work, was a trustee, helped raise funds, added up the finances, made rotas, arranged safeguarding courses, listened and prayed and so much more for The MILL over 24 years. It was a fitting closure for a project which made a difference.

The Trustees – Angela Rowley, Janet Ketteringham, Brian Couch and Rachel Hopper – all pray that some form of Christian youth work in Bramhall rises up and continues to support and nurture our own young people.



Festival 2024: The Spirit of Art

From 27 September to 5 October 2024, the Spirit of Art® came upon St Michael's as we played host to an artistic extravaganza of literature, arts, music and film. For over a week our church, adorned with the exquisite floral displays of our very own Flower Club, was able to delight visitors with a sensational exhibition of artwork from Stockport College and Stephen Raw.

The festival kicked off with pops and fizz – free-flowing Prosecco blended with beautiful, graceful music from Verity and her pianist friend certainly provided the perfect backdrop for mingling around the various exhibitions and installations.

Alex Wilton, former organ scholar at St Michael's now studying at London's Royal College of Music, filled the pews and pulled out all the stops (aided by Louise Richardson!) showcasing our newly refurbished Henry Willis organ. Calum's innovation to live-stream the organist directly onto church TVs was brilliant.

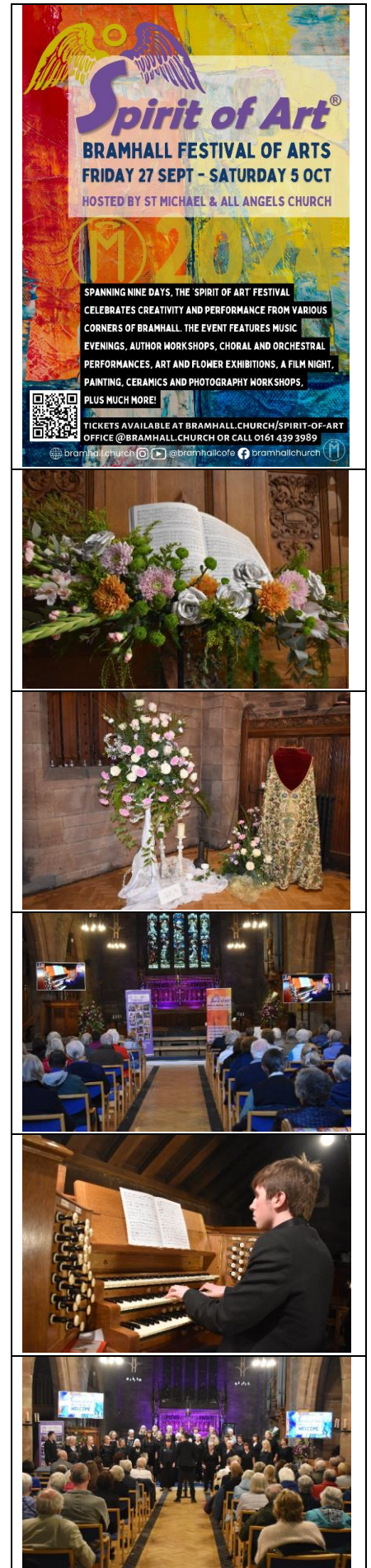
Later in the week N Choir delivered a choral treat; acclaimed crime authors (Rhiannon Ward, Caroline England, and James Ellson) had their audience gripped; Simply Cinema found the perfect venue for their screening of The Chorus; and people hit the dance floor with Funktion on the stage.

The Spirit of Art® also flowed through the many creative folk who got stuck into the various workshops (Photography, Acrylics, and Ceramics) so expertly hosted by the Trafford and Stockport College Group.

A befitting grand finale for this wonderful festival saw a packed church enchanted by a glorious performance by the Cheshire Sinfonia and, as guest soloist, the renowned violinist Katie Stillman.

A hugely ambitious festival such as this would simply not have been possible without the incredible help and dedication of so many St Michael's volunteers, the generosity and unbelievable talent of its participants and exhibitors, and the kind support of our local community joining in and attending the events. Thank you all, and thanks also to Stockport Council who kindly supported this festival via their Ward Flexibility Fund scheme!

The Parish Development Group believes the festival was a great success all round and dearly hope to deepen relationships forged during this festival and to develop new relationships in future via the Spirit of Art® concept and brand (now secured as a UK registered trademark and ready to be leveraged). This and previous festivals show St Michael's is uniquely placed to serve and engage with its local community. We never "hide one's light under a bushel" – the PDG would love to hear innovative ideas from anyone, so please feel free to help.





Fellowship and Community

2024 saw continued fellowship within church activities and organisations. The monthly breakfast after the 8.00 a.m. Sunday service continued, and the congregation met together for a bring-and-share lunch to celebrate the Patronal Festival in September.

The Walking Group continued at the beginning of the year, but sadly was then disbanded as fewer and fewer people were available.

The programme of Friday fundraising events, set up to raise funds for church projects but also for everyone to enjoy, continued throughout the year. During 2024 there were six events. They were:

- Pancake Night
- Games Show
- May Fair
- Fashion Show
- Craft Fair
- Christmas Carol Singalong

Approximately £11,234.45 has been raised so far. These events would not be possible without the help from volunteers, so a big thank you to them for all that they have done.

Reader Mark Hackney has continued leading worship in four care homes in the community, Abbeyfield, Meadway, Bramhall Manor and Ladybrook Manor. A growing number of congregants who are currently unable to attend church have received monthly visits for a service of Holy Communion. A tea party took place in church at Easter for residents from local care homes. It began with a short service, and was followed by a sociable gathering for residents, carers and church congregants.

The Field of Light event just before Christmas for people to light a candle in memory of a loved one had to be moved from outside into the church building because of very inclement weather. This did not detract from the power of this event, which was attended by those from the wider community as well as members of the congregation.

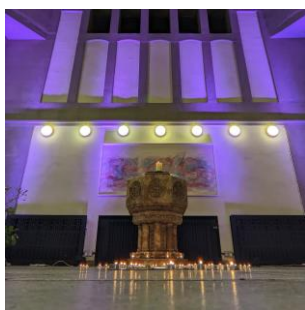
The **Mothers' Union** has continued with its monthly meetings, which have featured talks mainly on caring organizations or on spiritual matters. Our motto is "Faith Fun and Fellowship", which we endeavour to follow. During 2024 the Mothers' Union continued with its collection of school stationery sent in Bags of Education for disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe. We have been able to support the work of the Mother and Baby Unit at HM Prison Styal and support the Mothers' Union work with Literacy and Numeracy in Burundi and the Sudan, which eventually enables the women to become more independent and support their families.

ACE (Arts and Craft Experience) has met on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of most months. On the latter occasions the extended session includes the sharing of a Faith Lunch. Some sessions have included new activities such as quilling, paracord macramé and decorative angels, and others have built on past experience when creating cyanotype pictures, dowry purses, decorative covers using serviettes, card making, embroidery, lino cutting, gelli printing and acrylic pouring. At the start of the year a purple Pulpit Fall and Lectern markers with a Chester Cross was created using decorative silver work; in the autumn the backdrop of a Bethlehem hillside, used for both Experiencing Christmas and the Nativity service. The outing this year was to Creative Recycling in Chorlton which was truly inspirational, and gave lots of ideas for 2025.

TGiM (Thank God it's Monday) fellowship lunches for retired people held on the second Monday of the month continued to be well attended during 2024. Often guest speakers have given presentations which have proven to be very enjoyable, interesting and thought-provoking.

Buildings and Grounds

(incorporating fabric and ornaments report)



Church Following an inspection of the church, grade 2 listing was approved at the end of the year; the church can now reclaim VAT on repairs. In late spring a full programme of refurbishment was undertaken on the organ, in time for the Festival of Art. The vestry roof has been sealed because of cracks in the old coating. Being white, the new coating will reflect the sun and reduce heat damage to the coating. Coping stones above the vestry have been re-pointed to stop damp.



Parish Centre The flat roofs were resurfaced to stop leaks, the hall floor was given a new waterproof surface, and a screen was installed in the lounge. The electrics used outside by the Scouts were upgraded. Plans were agreed to replace the faulty lighting in the hall and to repair the bargeboards at the west end of the hall.



33 Dawlish Close A leak behind the bath in this PCC property damaged ceilings downstairs, but remedial work was covered by insurance. Later in the year the tenant agreed to new terms, but wanted various work done. The letting agents investigated and produced a costed list, including remedying damp in the bathroom where the extractor fan was not working. After querying some of the costs and how these issues were not picked up earlier, it emerged that reports of the agents' inspections were posted on a website not previously known to the church. After an inspection by the Wardens, an agreed list of work started.



Fabric & Ornaments As a result of these activities, the fabric and ornaments of the church are in good order, supported by work in hand for 2025.

Health and Safety



Weekly fire alarm zone tests for the Hall were carried out throughout the year, together with a monthly functional emergency lighting test for the Hall and an annual one-hour test to prove that the lighting will function on the battery back-up system to enable safe evacuation. Various repairs and replacements have taken place throughout the year. The annual inspection of the ladders and step ladders used by St. Michael's personnel was carried out in February; no concerns were expressed.

The fire alarm system has had several outages during the year, with the supplier taking longer to respond than contracted to do, despite multiple contacts being made by the Wardens and Calum.

The Health & Safety Policy was reviewed and amended in March/April 2024 and signed by the Vicar on 14 May following approval by the PCC on that day.

Prices have been sought for repairs to the soffits and bargeboards associated with the Hall. A contractor has been chosen and this work is due to be carried out in the spring of 2025.

The brickwork to the right of the kitchen door is permanently damp, due to a blockage in the downspout from the gutter causing rainwater to spray out of the water butt overflow onto the brickwork. This is being addressed.

Safeguarding

We are committed to high standards of safeguarding practice at St Michael and All Angels. The Safeguarding team (Louise Sell, Sue Taylor, Sheila Collins) continues to meet regularly with Calum Piper and Jenny Gallimore, the Children's Minister. They liaise regularly with the Churchwardens, Julie Sweeting and Sue Howgego. The meetings are an opportunity to check that our systems and processes are fit for purpose, to review safeguarding elements of church policies and risk assessments, to discuss any formal and informal safeguarding concerns, and to respond to diocesan communications.

The support provided by the diocese to safeguarding in the parish has continued to evolve. Safeguarding leads now have the opportunity to attend network meetings for safeguarding officers across the diocese, facilitated by two diocesan safeguarding officers. Louise Sell has attended one meeting and all three members of our safeguarding team were able to attend the most recent one. These events are an opportunity to discuss updates from the national and diocesan team, to discuss a range of topics related to safeguarding, and to share local approaches to enhancing safeguarding in every parish. The discussion has also included updates on the administrative system which has been put in place during the year. We no longer complete a Parish Safeguarding Audit but are required to complete a Parish Dashboard. A brief report is generated by the system for each Parochial Church Council meeting, with a full report annually. The reports give the Parochial Church Council assurance about what actions have been undertaken and what still needs to be done. Since the requirements are continually evolving, no parish is expected to be in a position yet where everything is marked as green and up to date. Alongside the dashboard, there is also a Parish Hub. The safeguarding team now use this as a place to list and define all our church staff and volunteer roles, with DBS and training requirements and compliance for each person. The Hub and the dashboard contain convenient links to relevant safeguarding policies, documents and support.

During the year the team have received the risk assessments for Active Angels, and events including holiday clubs, Experience Christmas and Easter, Pancake Day and fund raising / outreach events.

At the Parochial Church Council meeting in January 2025 the safeguarding team facilitated a discussion about our church culture in relation to safeguarding. We should have a culture within our church which is safe, compassionate and healthy. We considered our strengths in this regard, our weaknesses and any actions that we could take to further improve the culture.

The safeguarding team has been saddened during the year by the ongoing impact on victims and survivors of historical failings of safeguarding within the wider Church. We have been heartened to receive acknowledgement from Bishop Mark of the continued work to improve safeguarding practice at parish level.

Vision 2030

During 2022 the PCC had spent a considerable time working to draw together a vision for the church for seven years ahead. When completed it stated:

In 2030 St Michael's will be a church where:

- **We proclaim our faith confidently**
- **We embrace a mixed ecology of worship**
- **Our membership is reflective of the wider Parish**
- **Our resources are used sustainably**
- **We serve our community actively**

The working through of this vision remained a priority in 2024, as the PCC developed its ideas on how to implement the vision most effectively. Over the last two years we have achieved the following under each of the statements:

We proclaim our faith confidently

- Hosted two alpha courses
- Continued to run life groups encouraging people in personal discipleship
- Shared reflections online from members of the congregation
- Started to develop a podcast asking big life and faith questions

We embrace a mixed ecology of worship

- Continued to develop our services to enable a variety of styles
- Held a Taizé service during Holy Week
- Grown the St Michael's singers and collaborated with another choir.
- Encouraged the learning of new hymns

Our membership is reflective of the wider Parish

- Welcomed new members to the church family
- Committed to strengthening our membership process

Our resources are used sustainably

- Installed LED lighting across the site on a phased project
- Moved smaller services into the lounge during the winter
- Changed our finance systems to enable better oversight of the budget and financial management
- Taken regular energy readings to better manage energy usage

We serve our community actively

- Built new partnerships with businesses in the local community
- Been visibly present at community festivals

The PCC

Membership

Members of the PCC either hold office *ex officio* or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. A small number of members may also be co-opted. From the 2024 APCM, elections to the PCC confer membership for three years, with a maximum service of six consecutive years, after which members must stand down for at least one year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Ex-officio Members

Clergy	The Reverend Calum Piper (<i>Vicar & Chairman</i>)	
Churchwardens	Sue Howgego	Julie Sweeting
Reader	Mark Hackney	
Pastoral Worker	John Baker	
Deanery Synod member	David Beveridge (to July 2024)	
Deanery Synod Representatives from APCM 2023 (<i>elected for 3 years</i>)		
	Sheila Collins	Phil Wadsworth
	Janet Ketteringham	David Walker
	Bob Munn	

Elected Members

Lay representatives to APCM 2024

Frances Beards	Brenda Knight
David Beveridge	Tricia Munn
Samantha Bowden	Sheila Newbon
Rachel Chadwick	Louise Richardson
Robert Cryer	Louise Sell
Joyce Devine	David Taylor
Michael Holmes	Alexandria Walker (<i>resigned Sept. 2023</i>)
Jill Illingworth (<i>resigned Aug. 2023</i>)	Ann Walker
Peter Illingworth	Rob Watson
Phil Ketteringham	

Co-opted member to APCM 2024

Jenny Gallimore

Lay representatives from APCM 2024

<i>Elected for 3 years:</i>	<i>Elected for 2 years:</i>
Rachel Chadwick	Peter Driver (<i>elected Sept. 2024</i>)
Doreen Donnan	Michael Holmes
George Foot	Tricia Munn
Phil Ketteringham	Joyce Partington (<i>elected Sept. 2024</i>)
Brenda Knight	David Taylor
Sheila Newbon	Sue Taylor
Louise Sell	Ann Walker
Rob Watson (<i>died May 2024</i>)	

Co-opted member from APCM 2024

Jenny Gallimore

The APCM agreed in 2023 that with effect from the APCM in 2024, lay representatives would serve for three years, with a maximum service of six consecutive years as before. In the implementation of this change in 2024 the PCC decided by lot who would serve for 3, 2 or 1 years.

Report

The full PCC met six times during the year. The average level of attendance at meetings was 71%. Committees and working groups met between meetings, and reports of their deliberations and activities were received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

During the year the PCC received reports and discussed, among other things, the offering of blessings for same-sex couples already in a civil marriage or partnership. It was agreed to offer such blessings only to couples who are committed followers of Jesus and members of the family of St Michael's. The PCC also received a comprehensive report reviewing the Micah project, which was established in 2020 to fund work in the community, in the first instance by appointing a Children and Families worker.

Seeking for a vision for St Michael's as we would like it to be in 2030 remained an important item on each agenda.

Committees

The PCC operates with two permanent committees, and with working groups set up to tackle any special projects or tasks. These committees and working groups meet and report as necessary to the PCC.

Standing Committee

Membership: Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Vice-Chairman, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer

This Committee is required by church law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It met six times during 2023, primarily to set agendas for PCC meetings.

Finance and Buildings Committee

Membership: Bob Munn (Chairman), Vicar, Churchwardens, Rob Watson (PCC Treasurer, to 9 May 2024), Hedley Smith (PCC Health, Safety & Environmental Officer), George Foot, Mike Holmes, Louise Sell, David Taylor, Ann Walker

Remit The overall aim of this committee is to provide and maintain the material and other resources needed to carry out God's work at St. Michael's. It is responsible for finance; care of buildings and grounds; health, safety and environmental issues; and personnel matters. It has powers delegated from the PCC to deal with smaller and more detailed matters, and it provides advice and makes recommendations to the PCC on more substantial ones, including the annual budget and reserves. It met six times during 2024.

Rob Watson In the latter half of the year, the Committee's work was overshadowed by the sudden death of Rob Watson, the Treasurer. As reported last year, he had brought together a new finance team, updated our banking arrangements (not without a struggle), and installed better accounting software: he is greatly missed. So far there is no successor, but with their experience of finance, the Wardens have stepped in to fill the gap, with Sue Howgego acting as Treasurer, in particular to prepare the annual accounts for 2024. She has continued to bed in the new software and revise procedures so that future financial reports, including the annual accounts, should be simpler to extract. The committee is enormously grateful for all this work behind the scenes in addition to her duties as Warden, but looks to appoint a substantive Treasurer as soon as possible.

Planned giving This is the church's largest source of income. To express gratitude to God for his goodness and to thank and encourage those who pledge their giving, Thanksgiving Sunday has for many years been held early in the year. However, the church budget is prepared for the start of the financial year, which at St Michael's is the calendar year from January, before people's pledges for that year are known. This year Thanksgiving Sunday was moved to the autumn to align with budgeting for 2025, and there are positive signs of increased pledges for 2025.

Health, Safety & Environment The Health, Safety & Environmental Officer provides regular updates across the site and buildings, which the committee reports on to the PCC. He reported no serious defects, but following specialist tests, faults in the lightning conductors were remedied.

Work on the **Church**, the **Parish Centre** and **33 Dawlish Close** took up a major part of the Committee's time. Details can be found in the paragraph on Buildings and Grounds on page 16.

Aspects of these and other matters considered by the committee are also mentioned elsewhere in this report, including in the report on Buildings and Grounds and the reports from the acting Treasurer, from the Wardens, and from the Health, Safety & Environmental Officer.

Eco Action Group

Membership: Hamida Adkins, Frances Beards, Peter Crossen, Robert Cryer, Doreen Donnan, George Foot, Bryan Goodwin, Sheila Newbon, Calum Piper, Louise Richardson, Helen Russ, Phil Wadsworth (Chairperson), Jonathan Worne

Our Targets – approved and adopted by the PCC – for 2024 and their outcomes were:

- Work with the F&B Committee and the PCC to produce a 'Parish Route Map to Net Zero'.
In Progress at year end. Under the Chester Diocese Net Zero Programme, St Michael's was given a professional energy audit in autumn 2024, the resultant report being delivered in January 2025. Clearly producing the Parish Route Map needed to be paused until the results from that report could be analysed and incorporated.
- Support uniformed organisations attached to St Michael's to help their members achieve 'green badges' where such are available.
Under development at year end. A meeting of 4th Bramhall Scouts and EAG representatives has agreed the outline of this, and the 2025 Targets will include its development.
- Produce a list, for general information, of what items can be recycled locally, and where.
In progress at year end. Ever-changing information has delayed this, but the 2025 Targets will include doing a 'snap-shot' list at a particular point.
- Hold Information and Engagement Stalls on Rogation Sunday and Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday: **Achieved**
- Reduce gross CO₂ emissions from the St Michael's site from 2023 figures: **Awaiting 2024 data**
- Observe 'Walk to Church Sunday' on Rogation Sunday 5 May: **Achieved**
- Informed by our Parish Route Map to Net Zero, produce a St Michael's Green Policy.
Awaiting completion of 'Parish Route Map to Net Zero' (see above).

Parish Development Group (Finance)

Current Membership: Louise Richardson, Sue Taylor, Stuart Villard, Phil Wadsworth, Michael Holmes.

This group seeks to support the Parish's mission and strategies for future development by identifying, bidding for and securing external sources of funding; by producing, organising and evaluating an annual programme of events and activities with the dual aim of generating income and importantly enhancing community outreach and social engagement with the Church and the wider parish; and by working with existing and potentially new church groups to co-ordinate all fund-raising activities across the church organisation, in order to reduce the possibility of duplication and event fatigue.

The group spent most of the past year planning and ultimately executing the Spirit of Art Festival. As will be apparent from the report earlier on this event, given the number of external parties involved, this took a great deal of hard work and co-ordination. The group applied for a few different grants to support the festival and were delighted to be awarded a grant from Stockport Council, which was a great help.

The devastating and sudden loss of Rob Watson was a huge blow to this group as well as the wider church and community. He was a key contributor, champion, and supporter of all that the group did and does – the Rob-shaped hole, that of a much-loved warm, wise, way-finder whose intellect and positivity could take you anywhere you needed to go, lives on as a memorial to this great man. *Thanks be to God for the life of Rob. May he rest in peace and rise in glory, and may the Lord comfort his wonderful family, particularly his beloved wife and daughter.*

New members, keen to share their ideas, energy, and/or skills to aid future fundraising and community outreach, would be most welcome. Meetings are very informal and enjoyable – it's certainly a safe space to share wild and wonderful ideas and any contributions, however big or small, are extremely valued!

Electoral Roll Report

On 1 January 2024, Revision 4 of the Electoral Roll had a membership of 246, of which 177 members resided within the Parish and 69 were non-residents.

Under the Church Representation Rules, the Electoral Roll for the Church is renewed every six years and must be revised each year for presentation at the Church's APCM. Thus, Revision 5, for 2024–2025, started on 24 February 2024 and was completed on 13 April 2024.

Required changes to the Electoral Roll were presented, as Amendment Lists, at each PCC meeting. During 2024 there were 5 Amendment Lists presented - 1 for Revision 4 and, 4 for Revision 5. Those changes comprised 12 additions, 17 removals and 1 change to members' contact details.

The Annual Report for 2024 thus records the Electoral Roll, as of 31st December 2024, as having a membership of 241, of which 179 members reside within the parish boundary and 62 are non-residents.

Phil Ketteringham continued to act as Electoral Roll Officer for most of the year, then gradually handing over to Peter Driver.

Policies

As a registered charity, every year St Michael's has to send the Charity Commission a report and our accounts. For 2023 the Charity Commission asked charities to report whether they had a number of specific policies to manage risks to the charity's continuing operations. Checking showed that we had most of the expected policies, with one or two still under development, but some were not clearly set out. This prompted a review of our policies during 2024. The outcome was a new overall policy statement on how we manage different risks through our various policies; a new Serious Incident Policy (which we hope never to have to use); and new policies on Social Media and on activities for which we will not hire our premises (basically if they contradict the values of the Church of England, may cause distress, or are party political – private room hire and hustings open to all parties are not excluded).

All policies have been brought to a common format, headed by a summary of the scope and main provisions of the policy. The policies are listed with their summaries on our website.

Deanery Synod

Cheadle Deanery Synod met three times in 2024. The first meeting took place on the 12 March which was a presentation by Jon Pocock, the Strategic Programme Director for the Diocese of Chester. Jon shared with the synod a recent presentation given to diocesan synod on the new diocesan vision and how this was being developed into a strategy. The second meeting of the year took place on the 12 June which featured a presentation from Papyrus, a UK-wide suicide prevention charity. The third meeting of the year was held on 8 October. The Bishop of Stockport attended this synod and held an open session for members to ask him questions.

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford continued its ministry predominantly with ministers or leadership representatives from each of the Churches gathering together each month to pray and share encouragement. There were three main comings together of the wider church fellowships, these being the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service of Unity, Praise in the Park during September, along with a new venture supporting the new Woodford Winterfest community event. Churches Together also enable the village nativity scene to be erected each year. Calum continued to serve as chair of Churches Together.



Good Friday Service of Unity



Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires charities to report on how their activities carried out their aims for the public benefit. In reporting, the PCC has had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Worship

Services are open to all, and the church is open for private prayer and meditation on weekdays. Services of worship take place each Sunday and Wednesday in the parish church and at Christmas in Bramhall Hall Chapel.

Occasional Offices

The church is normally used for baptisms, weddings and funerals. During 2023 there were 10 baptisms, 2 weddings, 12 funerals in church, 10 funeral services at the crematorium, and 10 burials of ashes or other committals.

Education

Contacts have been made with some local schools, and links are maintained with uniformed organisations. Learning about the Christian faith is fostered by sermons, by all-age services, by short study programmes, and by a variety of house groups, sometimes meeting digitally. Parties of local school children visit the church as part of their curriculum and are introduced to the building and the activities that go on in it. A local school sometimes borrows equipment. This work takes place in the context of our Strategy for Children and Young People.

Concerts

The church building is available for booking by organizations that present concerts and book readings. 17 concerts were held in church during 2024, along with 4 school carol concerts.

Pastoral Care

The church leads worship in four care homes in the community, Abbeyfield, Meadway, Bramhall Manor and Ladybrook Manor. A growing number of congregants who are currently unable to attend church have received monthly visits for a service of Holy Communion. A tea party took place in church at Easter for residents from local care homes. The clergy have visited and ministered to those in hospital or hospice. A new Pastoral Care team visits ill or elderly parishioners.



Scouts and Guides

St Michael's sponsors the 4th Bramhall Scout Group and 4th Bramhall Guides and Brownies, each of which has a policy of open recruitment. The Scouts have their own premises, but the Guides meet in the Church Hall. Both organizations use the church grounds for outdoor activities such as games and cooking.

Active Angels

Active Angels provides activities for pre-school children with their mothers or other carers.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for hiring when not required for church use. It is often the venue for meetings of charities and other bodies, and various special events and parties.

Missions and charities

The PCC gives to missions and charities from any surplus voluntary income. Missions and charities also benefit from funds raised by special collections and fund-raising activities.

Chelwood Food Bank

A collection of food and toiletry items is made every week, normally at both morning services, and donated to this Food Bank in Stockport the following day.

Giving to Missions and Charities

The better than expected outcome at the end of 2023 meant that there was a surplus of £8000 over the year. This enabled allocations to be made during 2024 to missions and charities from part of it, as is our normal practice. The Message Trust (a UK Christian charity delivering Christian schools work), the Oasis Centre in Gorton, Wellspring in Stockport, and the Church Army were each awarded £1,000 from the surplus after consideration and voting by the congregation and the PCC.

We continued to support Newala, and a donation for porridge breakfasts in schools was agreed from the 2023 accounts. The facility to send funds abroad was costing £20 a month, and given the end of the formal Newala link, all the remaining funds were transferred to Newala (now well accustomed to using our donations effectively), and the facility was closed.

The Children's Society benefited from £2347.09 from the Christingle collections over the Christmas period of 2024.

Financial Review *from the acting Treasurer*

The total income for the year was £275,788 and expenditure was £265,468. There was an unrealised gain of £4,567 giving a profit of £14,887. However, various adjustments had to be made in 2024 to deal with errors that had occurred in previous years, including bringing into the SOFA the income from designated funds. When these adjustments are deducted, it gives a deficit of £13,028. This is less than the deficit of £26,280 forecast in the budget.

2024 saw the church refurbish its organ at a cost of £34,413.61. The Trustees of Bramhall Parish Hall contributed towards the net cost and some legacies were used.

During the latter part of the year, the church obtained a grade II listing which then enabled it to claim back the VAT incurred on not only the organ works but also other repair work on the church building. This grant scheme has been extended for another year, so it will be used again in 2025 if the works meet the requirements of the scheme.

Other maintenance works and costs included:

	£
Refurbishing the parish hall floor	5,220
Electrical works (after a contribution from the Scouts)	828
Garage repairs	672
Parish centre roof repair	2,750
Repointing work on the vestry	6,924
Vestry roof work	1,986
Lightning protection repairs	640

These works, totalling £19,020, are significant contributions to keeping the church buildings watertight, safe and attractive.

2024 also saw the transition of the accounting systems to the cloud. This has made it easier for the finance team to access the information. It has, however, had its teething problems, especially in the annual accounts production. This is being resolved and should make the 2025 accounts much easier to prepare.

During the year the Treasurer, Rob Watson, died unexpectedly, just prior to transitioning the accounts to the online system. Sue Howgego, church warden, is temporarily covering the Treasurer role and hopefully a new Treasurer can be found very soon.

The Parochial Church Council of
St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall

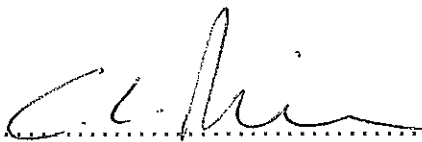
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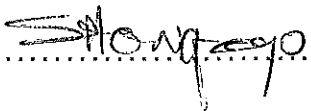
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We hereby certify that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024, as set out on pages 5 to 16, were approved at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 1 April 2025.

Vicar.....

Churchwarden.....

Churchwarden.....



Report to the trustees

St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

Charity no (if any)

1133883

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

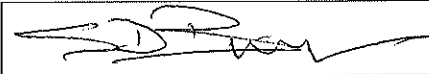
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed: 

Date: 23/04/25

Name: Stephen D Burt

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

Address: 3 Hobart Close, Bramhall, Cheshire SK7 1NW

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 total funds
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	157,223	36,312	193,536	140,700
Other trading activities	47,269		47,269	35,703
Investments	17,474	670	18,144	15,900
Income from charitable activities	13,556		13,556	17,765
Other income	5,924	-2,640	3,284	5,515
Total income	241,446	34,342	275,788	215,583
Payments				
Raising funds	5,738		5,738	
Expenditure on charitable activities	186,744	56,183	242,926	213,041
Other expenditure	19,213	-2,410	16,803	2,251
Total expenditure	211,695	53,773	265,468	215,292
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	29,751	-19,431	10,320	291
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	14,453	13,195	27,648	92,466
Gross transfers between funds - out	-13,195	-14,453	-27,648	-92,466
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets				-330
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-4,201	8,768	4,567	13,636
Net movement in funds	26,807	-11,920	14,887	13,597
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	573,821	72,514	646,336	632,739
Total funds carried forward	600,628	60,595	661,223	646,336

Balance Sheet

	Note	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	9	354,962	362,566
		354,962	362,566
Current assets			
Debtors	10	18,713	10
Investments	11	132,988	128,421
Cash At Bank And In Hand		166,444	191,108
		318,145	319,539
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	12	11,885	35,770
Net current assets less current liabilities		306,261	283,769
Total assets less current liabilities			
		661,223	646,336
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
General		586,702	573,821
Designated			
Church Projects		11,114	-
Spirit Of Art		2,811	-
Restricted			
Agency collection			(7320)
Church Projects		0	4,202
Church Textiles		0	1,116
Flower Club		0	804
Lawn Mower		3,000	-
Micah Grant		54,137	73,712
Organ Maintenance		1,506	-
Screens		1,952	-
Fund Totals		661,223	646,336

Notes to the financial statements

1) Accounting policies

1.a Basis of preparation

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

1.b Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going-concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.c Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

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

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

1.d Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognized only when received. Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognized when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognized as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognized when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities

Rental income is recognized when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognized in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

1.e Expenditure

Raising funds

Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities is accounted for on the accruals basis.

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

2. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Freehold property

Freehold property is valued at purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC, depreciation of freehold properties would be immaterial and has not been charged. The PCC carries out an annual impairment review, and in their opinion no provision is necessary in respect of the value at which freehold properties are included in the financial statements.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognized at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight-line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Parish Centre refurbishment	- 50 years
Chairs	- 10 years
Equipment	- 5 years

3. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognized at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. Our short-term deposits are managed by CCLA as a long-term investment. The funds can be available at short notice, which may result in a loss due to the valuation of the shares at the time of disposal. Dividends on the funds are paid 4 times a year and accounted for only when received.

4. Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognized initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

5. Creditors

Creditors are recognized when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognized at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

6. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	36,303	29,584
Employer's pension contributions	585	349
	36,888	29,933

	2024	2023
Average number of employees	5	5

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2023: none).
 Total employee benefits (including pension) were £36,888 (2023: 29,933).
 The children's minister is paid from the Micah project, which is a restricted fund.

7. Related party transactions

David Taylor is an employee of the PCC and is also an elected member of the PCC. He is paid services fees for funerals, weddings and burials of ashes. During the 2024 year he received a gross salary of £995. (2023: £1,805)

Jenny Gallimore is employed as the children's minister and is also a co-opted member of the PCC. She received a gross salary of £19,500 (2023: £15,984) and employer's pension contributions of £585 (2023: £349).

During the year to 31 December 2024, the charity received £3,000 (2023: £0) in donations from the PCC members, key management personnel and persons closely connected to them. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts that required the charity to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

Clergy and staff claimed expenses of £1,068 (2023: £1,473) during the year for travel, subsistence, office supplies and the computer costs. No other transactions were undertaken with any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

8. Missionary and charitable giving

	2024	2023
	£	£
Church Army	1,000	
Message Trust	1,000	
Oasis Centre	1,000	
Wellspring	1,000	1,134
Christian Aid		555
NACOA		1,133
The Mill		1,133
	4,000	3,955

Newala 5,047 0

During 2024, the Newala fund was closed and the remaining monies were sent to Tanzania. This was done because the formal link to Newala had been ended, and the cost of maintaining an international payment facility was greatly reducing the monies available to the link for its porridge donations.

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land & buildings		Chairs	Equipment	Total
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0912 - Spirit of Art Festival - Income	-	7,107	-	7,107	-
0915 - Parish groups income	1,261	-	-	1,261	6,101
0916 - Gardening income	956	-	-	956	1,030
0917 - ACE income	202	-	-	202	428
0918 - Flower Club	1,048	-	-	1,048	2,834
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	23,614	-	-	23,614	24,335
1250 - Newala Diocese Tanzania Project	374	-	-	374	975
1255 - Music Income	150	-	-	150	-
Other trading activities: Totals	27,605	19,664	-	47,269	35,703
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	6,432	-	-	6,432	4,775
1025 - Micah grant interest (restricted)	-	-	670	670	551
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	11,042	-	-	11,042	10,573
Investments: Totals	17,474	-	670	18,144	15,900
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,229	-	-	4,229	7,046

1105 - Children's Ministry					
- Income	3,460	-	-	3,460	1,389
1210 - Produce Stall	210	-	-	210	1,228
1230 - Church hall lettings					
- objectives	880	-	-	880	1,001
1245 - Hire of Church	4,778	-	-	4,778	7,101
Income from charitable activities:					
Totals	13,556	-	-	13,556	17,765
1026 - CDBF Grant					
income	-	-	-	-	5,515
Adjustments Code - 9999	3,284	-	-	3,284	-
Other income: Totals	3,284	-	-	3,284	5,515
Receipts: Grand totals	219,142	19,664	36,982	275,788	215,583

Payments

Raising funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
1730 - Costs for church fundraising projects	-	-	-	1,442	-
1735 - Spirit of Art Festival - Expenditure	-	4,296	-	4,296	-
Raising funds: Totals	-	5,738	-	5,738	-

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Charitable funds distribution	4,000	-	-	4,000	3,955
1830 - Newala Diocese Tanzania Project-expenditure	5,047	-	-	5,047	-
1850 - Home mission	-	-	-	-	-989
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	98,845	-	-	98,845	92,227
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	-	-	-	-	13,600
2120 - Council tax	4,671	-	-	4,671	5,094
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	616	-	-	616	466
2150 - Vicar's telephone	173	-	-	173	196
2151 - Vicar's mileage and car parking	183	-	-	183	288
2152 - Vicar's postage	-	-	-	-	48
2153 - Vicar's books and stationery	20	-	-	20	96
2154 - Vicar's sundries	-	-	-	-	33

2155 - Vicar's computer hardware	199	-	-	199	178
2156 - Vicar's computer software	660	-	-	660	830
2170 - Education	6	-	-	6	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	4,180	-	-	4,180	7,344
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,151	-	-	1,151	867
2320 - Church maintenance -organ / piano tuning	-	-	34,708	34,708	816
2330 - Church maintenance-buildings	21,536	-	-	21,536	9,081
2331 - Hall cleaning	3,304	-	425	3,729	3,590
2332 - Church maintenance -fire	4,081	-	-	4,081	3,004
2340 - Altar requisites	508	-	-	508	170
2341 - Liturgical Sundries	125	-	-	125	98
2342 - Music expenses	981	-	-	981	593
2350 - Upkeep of grounds	72	-	-	72	64
2361 - Admin printing and postage	1,814	-	-	1,814	3,334
2362 - Publicity and display materials	245	-	-	245	20
2363 - Stationery	560	-	-	560	46
2363A - Thanksgiving Sunday	89	-	-	89	85
2364 - Computer software	111	-	-	111	402
2365 - Admin other	127	-	-	127	33
2368 - Bank charges	717	-	-	717	699
2369 - Hall - Refreshments	302	-	-	302	444
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	387	-	-	387	400
2401 - Church running - electric	3,315	-	-	3,315	5,456
2410 - Church running - gas	12,300	-	-	12,300	13,978
2420 - Water rates	1,951	-	-	1,951	472
2510 - Children's ministry expenditure	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,389
2520 - Micah expenditure (restricted)	-	-	20,245	20,245	16,829
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	273	-	-	273	-
2610 - Parish Events	1,037	-	-	1,037	10,472
2611 - ACE expenditure	155	-	-	155	-
2612 - Flower Club	1,140	-	805	1,945	2,541
2613 - Gardening Club Expenditure	419	-	-	419	1,030

2730 - Depreciation P&M	7,604	-	-	7,604	10,766
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	652	-	-	652	336
2841 - Dawlish Close Insurance	189	-	-	189	389
2842 - Property Management	1,197	-	-	1,197	2,292
51B25 - Sundry Cr Pension	-	-	-	-	-22
Expenditure on charitable activities: Totals	186,744	-	56,183	242,926	213,041
Other expenditure					
2650 - CDBF Grant Expenditure	-	-	-	-	2,252
6650 - PAYE Control account	-	-	-	-	-1
SHP1 - Net salary payment	19,213	-	-2,410	16,803	-
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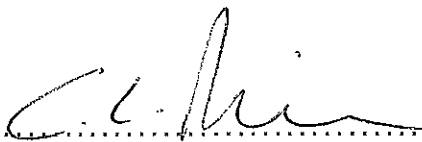
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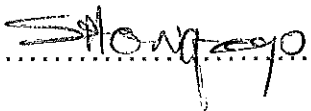
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We hereby certify that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024, as set out on pages 5 to 16, were approved at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 1 April 2025.

Vicar.....

Churchwarden.....

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Report to the trustees

St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall Parochial Church Council

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

Charity no (if any)

1133883

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

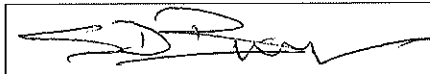
Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:



Date:

23/04/25

Name:

Stephen D Burt

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

FCCA

Address:

3 Hobart Close, Bramhall, Cheshire SK7 1NW

Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 total funds
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	157,223	36,312	193,536	140,700
Other trading activities	47,269		47,269	35,703
Investments	17,474	670	18,144	15,900
Income from charitable activities	13,556		13,556	17,765
Other income	5,924	-2,640	3,284	5,515
Total income	241,446	34,342	275,788	215,583
Payments				
Raising funds	5,738		5,738	
Expenditure on charitable activities	186,744	56,183	242,926	213,041
Other expenditure	19,213	-2,410	16,803	2,251
Total expenditure	211,695	53,773	265,468	215,292
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	29,751	-19,431	10,320	291
Transfers:				
Gross transfers between funds - in	14,453	13,195	27,648	92,466
Gross transfers between funds - out	-13,195	-14,453	-27,648	-92,466
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets				-330
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-4,201	8,768	4,567	13,636
Net movement in funds	26,807	-11,920	14,887	13,597
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	573,821	72,514	646,336	632,739
Total funds carried forward	600,628	60,595	661,223	646,336

Balance Sheet

	Note	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	9	354,962	362,566
		354,962	362,566
Current assets			
Debtors	10	18,713	10
Investments	11	132,988	128,421
Cash At Bank And In Hand		166,444	191,108
		318,145	319,539
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	12	11,885	35,770
Net current assets less current liabilities		306,261	283,769
Total assets less current liabilities			
		661,223	646,336
Represented by			
Unrestricted			
General		586,702	573,821
Designated			
Church Projects		11,114	-
Spirit Of Art		2,811	-
Restricted			
Agency collection			(7320)
Church Projects		0	4,202
Church Textiles		0	1,116
Flower Club		0	804
Lawn Mower		3,000	-
Micah Grant		54,137	73,712
Organ Maintenance		1,506	-
Screens		1,952	-
Fund Totals		661,223	646,336

Notes to the financial statements

1) Accounting policies

1.a Basis of preparation

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at fair value.

The PCC meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC.

1.b Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going-concern basis. There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubts upon the PCC's ability to continue as a going concern.

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General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

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

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

1.d Income

Donations and legacies

Planned giving, collections and general donations are recognized only when received. Gift aid recoverable on donations is recognized when the donation is received. Grants and legacies to the PCC are recognized as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is probable.

Charitable activities

Income from church fee income is recognized when the fee is due. Income from activities is accounted for gross.

Other trading activities

Rental income is recognized when the rent is due. Where income is received in advance, it is recognized in the year in which the event takes place that it relates to.

Investments

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1.e Expenditure

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Expenditure on raising funds is accounted for on the accruals basis

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

2. Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and moveable church furnishing

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Freehold property

Freehold property is valued at purchase price. In the opinion of the PCC, depreciation of freehold properties would be immaterial and has not been charged. The PCC carries out an annual impairment review, and in their opinion no provision is necessary in respect of the value at which freehold properties are included in the financial statements.

Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are recognized at cost. Individual assets with a purchase price less than £1,000 are written off when the asset is acquired.

Depreciation has been provided on other fixed assets on a straight-line basis in order to write off the cost of the assets over the following estimated useful lives:

Parish Centre refurbishment	- 50 years
Chairs	- 10 years
Equipment	- 5 years

3. Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognized at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The SOFA includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year. Our short-term deposits are managed by CCLA as a long-term investment. The funds can be available at short notice, which may result in a loss due to the valuation of the shares at the time of disposal. Dividends on the funds are paid 4 times a year and accounted for only when received.

4. Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectable. These are recognized initially at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid, net of any trade discounts due.

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Creditors are recognized when the PCC has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognized at the amount that the PCC anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payment for the goods or services it must provide.

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	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	36,303	29,584
Employer's pension contributions	585	349
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	2024	2023
Average number of employees	5	5

During the year the PCC did not employ anyone who earned £60,000 per annum or more (2023: none).
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David Taylor is an employee of the PCC and is also an elected member of the PCC. He is paid services fees for funerals, weddings and burials of ashes. During the 2024 year he received a gross salary of £995. (2023: £1,805)

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	£	£
Church Army	1,000	
Message Trust	1,000	
Oasis Centre	1,000	
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NACOA		1,133
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Newala 5,047 0

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0901 - Other funds generated	2,722	-	-	2,722	4,124
Donations and legacies: Totals	157,223	-	36,312	193,536	140,700
Other trading activities					
0910 - Fund raising for church projects	-	12,557	-	12,557	-
0912 - Spirit of Art Festival - Income	-	7,107	-	7,107	-
0915 - Parish groups income	1,261	-	-	1,261	6,101
0916 - Gardening income	956	-	-	956	1,030
0917 - ACE income	202	-	-	202	428
0918 - Flower Club	1,048	-	-	1,048	2,834
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	23,614	-	-	23,614	24,335
1250 - Newala Diocese Tanzania Project	374	-	-	374	975
1255 - Music Income	150	-	-	150	-
Other trading activities: Totals	27,605	19,664	-	47,269	35,703
Investments					
1020 - Bank and building society interest	6,432	-	-	6,432	4,775
1025 - Micah grant interest (restricted)	-	-	670	670	551
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	11,042	-	-	11,042	10,573
Investments: Totals	17,474	-	670	18,144	15,900
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,229	-	-	4,229	7,046

1105 - Children's Ministry					
- Income	3,460	-	-	3,460	1,389
1210 - Produce Stall	210	-	-	210	1,228
1230 - Church hall lettings					
- objectives	880	-	-	880	1,001
1245 - Hire of Church	4,778	-	-	4,778	7,101
Income from charitable activities:					
Totals	13,556	-	-	13,556	17,765
1026 - CDBF Grant					
income	-	-	-	-	5,515
Adjustments Code - 9999	3,284	-	-	3,284	-
Other income: Totals	3,284	-	-	3,284	5,515
Receipts: Grand totals	219,142	19,664	36,982	275,788	215,583

Payments

Raising funds

	General	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
1730 - Costs for church fundraising projects	-	-	-	1,442	-
1735 - Spirit of Art Festival - Expenditure	-	4,296	-	4,296	-
Raising funds: Totals	-	5,738	-	5,738	-

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Charitable funds distribution	4,000	-	-	4,000	3,955
1830 - Newala Diocese Tanzania Project-expenditure	5,047	-	-	5,047	-
1850 - Home mission	-	-	-	-	-989
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	98,845	-	-	98,845	92,227
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	-	-	-	-	13,600
2120 - Council tax	4,671	-	-	4,671	5,094
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	616	-	-	616	466
2150 - Vicar's telephone	173	-	-	173	196
2151 - Vicar's mileage and car parking	183	-	-	183	288
2152 - Vicar's postage	-	-	-	-	48
2153 - Vicar's books and stationery	20	-	-	20	96
2154 - Vicar's sundries	-	-	-	-	33

2155 - Vicar's computer hardware	199	-	-	199	178
2156 - Vicar's computer software	660	-	-	660	830
2170 - Education	6	-	-	6	-
2301 - Church running - insurance	4,180	-	-	4,180	7,344
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,151	-	-	1,151	867
2320 - Church maintenance -organ / piano tuning	-	-	34,708	34,708	816
2330 - Church maintenance-buildings	21,536	-	-	21,536	9,081
2331 - Hall cleaning	3,304	-	425	3,729	3,590
2332 - Church maintenance -fire	4,081	-	-	4,081	3,004
2340 - Altar requisites	508	-	-	508	170
2341 - Liturgical Sundries	125	-	-	125	98
2342 - Music expenses	981	-	-	981	593
2350 - Upkeep of grounds	72	-	-	72	64
2361 - Admin printing and postage	1,814	-	-	1,814	3,334
2362 - Publicity and display materials	245	-	-	245	20
2363 - Stationery	560	-	-	560	46
2363A - Thanksgiving Sunday	89	-	-	89	85
2364 - Computer software	111	-	-	111	402
2365 - Admin other	127	-	-	127	33
2368 - Bank charges	717	-	-	717	699
2369 - Hall - Refreshments	302	-	-	302	444
2370 - Visiting speakers / locums	387	-	-	387	400
2401 - Church running - electric	3,315	-	-	3,315	5,456
2410 - Church running - gas	12,300	-	-	12,300	13,978
2420 - Water rates	1,951	-	-	1,951	472
2510 - Children's ministry expenditure	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,389
2520 - Micah expenditure (restricted)	-	-	20,245	20,245	16,829
2560 - Hall running - maintenance	273	-	-	273	-
2610 - Parish Events	1,037	-	-	1,037	10,472
2611 - ACE expenditure	155	-	-	155	-
2612 - Flower Club	1,140	-	805	1,945	2,541
2613 - Gardening Club Expenditure	419	-	-	419	1,030

2730 - Depreciation P&M	7,604	-	-	7,604	10,766
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	652	-	-	652	336
2841 - Dawlish Close Insurance	189	-	-	189	389
2842 - Property Management	1,197	-	-	1,197	2,292
51B25 - Sundry Cr Pension	-	-	-	-	-22
Expenditure on charitable activities: Totals	186,744	-	56,183	242,926	213,041
Other expenditure					
2650 - CDBF Grant Expenditure	-	-	-	-	2,252
6650 - PAYE Control account	-	-	-	-	-1
SHP1 - Net salary payment	19,213	-	-2,410	16,803	-
Other expenditure: Totals	19,213	-	-2,410	16,803	2,251
Payments: Grand totals	205,957	5,738	53,773	265,468	215,292

Accounts



St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church

Annual Report from the PCC for 2023

Prepared for approval

at

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 14 April 2024

at 11.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre



St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

COMMUNITY | INCLUSION | DISCIPLESHIP

"PUTTING JESUS AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY"

St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has responsibility for maintaining the site and buildings that comprise St Michael and All Angels Church and Parish Centre, together with the land and grounds of the church and all other properties owned by the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Bramhall is registered with the Charity Commissioners (Registration No.) 1133883



Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage raising funds for Christian Aid

2023

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Cast and Crew Members from
Follow the Yellow Brick Road
Festival

Vicar's Introduction



2023 was a year of bringing people together. The nation celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III during May, St Michael's played hosted to numerous life events for the people of our parish, and as a church we came together around a new vision strategy that will guide our life together over the coming years.

Following a period of reflection and discernment by the PCC our new vision of 'Putting Jesus at the Heart of our Community' was launched early on in the year. This statement is guided by 5 strands with our journey towards them being 2030. They are:

- **We proclaim our faith confidently**
- **We embrace a mixed ecology of worship**
- **Our membership is reflective of the wider Parish**
- **Our resources are used sustainably**
- **We serve our community actively**

We have already begun working towards these through encouraging people to join life groups and getting involved with online reflections throughout the year. There has been a reorganising of the finance team (much of the work taking place behind the scenes) to enable us to better measure our use of resources. Community life has also felt a lot busier as we have sought to serve the community with a visible presence at community events and by welcoming the wider community to a range of events on the church site.

As I have looked back on 2023 and looked to the coming year I have found myself being drawn to the story of Joseph that we find in Genesis, particularly in chapter 41. Within Chapter 41 we read of Pharaoh's dream and Joseph's interpretation. That there were to be 7 good years of abundance but that they were to be followed by 7 hard years of famine. As a reward for his wisdom Joseph was put in charge of guiding the people of Egypt (despite being a stranger to their customs, culture and even religion) through both the good years and the bad.

On occasion there is a sense that being a Christian in 21st century England is getting harder. Some nationally have even talked of the church being in exile. The bad press due to the failings of the church hasn't helped. I am grateful for the good stewardship of the church over many years that is enabling us as a church to invest in ministry now to help us not just survive but seek to thrive as Christians and as visible witnesses for Christ in Bramhall and beyond. Our finances show there has been historic plenty, and now as things are slightly harder we are able, as Joseph did with the Egyptians, to keep life going.

The story of Joseph and Egypt ends well, in that his family are welcomed into a place of abundance where there is great joy and feasting. This only happens because of Joseph's faithfulness to Lord and his unending trust in Yahweh.

It continues to be a joy to serve the parish of St Michael & All Angels and I have no doubt that as long as we remain faithful to the Lord and are trusting him to be our provider we will see the fruit of our labours.

I am incredibly thankful to everyone that calls St Michael's their home and plays a part in our collective calling to put Jesus at the Heart of our Community. Whether it's something quite onerous and visible, or something quite simple and hidden, and everything in between – thank you!

There are a number of particular thank you I want to put on record:

- The PCC for their shared leadership, wisdom and guidance.
- The Finance Team for their dedication and endless counting.
- To the ministry & staff team – Jenny Gallimore, Alex Walker, Mark Hackney, Jo Oughton & Karen Elsey

and finally

- to the Churchwarden Julie Sweeting and Sue Howgego.

One of the biggest issues that has been reported on recently for clergy in the Church of England is isolation and loneliness. Whilst I am thankful for all the hard work everyone puts in especially those listed above, I am most grateful for the shared life, the working together and the joy life and ministry is in this place. Being Vicar of St Michael's would be much harder and much less enjoyable with out those above and actually each and every member of our amazing church family.

Nehemiah 8 writes: *'The Joy of the Lord is my strength'*. The joy of Lord is sharing life together is our strength. May it continue, may it grow, may it sustain us on the journey ahead.

Revd Calum Piper

Churchwardens' Message

2023 has seen a new position made, that of Communications Officer. This was temporarily filled by Verity Beards Jones and In November 2023, a new person, Karen Elsey took over the role. Both have increased our presence on line and also produced some great posters to advertise our up and coming events. Thank you to both Verity and Karen.

During the year we changed the lighting in the vestry and flower corridors as well as the toilets. These now have motion sensor lights which should help with the electricity bill. We also replaced the flooring in the gents' toilets which had become worn out.

These types of repairs require money, and so it was decided that we would start some fundraising activities for the projects at church. These events were for everyone and not just St Michael's parishioners. We have raised approximately £4000 so far, with more events planned for 2024. We have been delighted to see new faces coming in and enjoying themselves.

We have also been involved in setting up a walking group which meets on the third Saturday of the month. Our walks have been varied in both weather and attendance but hopefully enjoyable nonetheless. A review was carried out at the end of the year and it was agreed to run more walks in 2024.

We have also been involved with the Follow the Yellow Brick Road festival. We helped with painting sets, made costumes, organised a volunteers rota for over 100 volunteers and been a thespian.

Finally, it is important that we acknowledge Calum who puts in so much effort for not only our services but also the wider parish. Up ladders checking the gutters, down on his knees inspecting underground pipes, he can be found doing all these sorts of things. THANK YOU Calum.

Sue Howgego & Julie Sweeting
Churchwardens

Review of the Church's Year 2023

People

The church was led through the year by a dedicated team – Vicar Calum Piper, Reader Mark Hackney, Ordinand Jo Oughton, Children's Worker Jenny Gallimore, Director of Music Alex Walker and Wardens Sue Howgego and Julie Sweeting. Part way through the year Verity Beards-Jones was appointed as Communications Officer, and when she resigned at Christmas to take up further study she was replaced by Karen Eley. Janet Blackshaw served as Parish Administrator throughout the year. The Finance team is now well established, with Rob Watson as Treasurer, assisted by Julie Bamber and Elizabeth Beveridge.

The year saw the sad loss of several members of the congregation. Among those who died and will be sorely missed were Geoff Birtwistle, Emma Stewart, Margaret Berry, Jean Marley, David Daniels and Heather Johnson.

We were delighted to welcome ten new members to the regular congregation, six adults and four children.

Worship

Our worship life remained committed to ensuring that there was a range of worship styles and to making the worship of God as accessible as possible to all. Three services continued to be offered on Sundays, at 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., along with a Wednesday morning service at 10.30 a.m. During the year the PCC agreed that the Wednesday morning service should always be a service of Holy Communion. The 10.00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed when possible to allow people at home to join in.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport, who visited the church for a service of Confirmation on 22nd October. Bishop Sam baptised and confirmed 1 candidate and with a further 4 candidates also being confirmed.

A choir, St Michael's Voices, re-established in 2022 under the leadership of our Director of Music Alex, sang monthly at the 10.00 Sunday service, as well as for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday, and at the service of Lessons and Carols before Christmas.

On Easter Sunday, with the inclusion of the Easter Vigil service, attendance was 289, with 247 communicants, a very significant 10% increase from 2022, and almost double the number in 2021, when the service had to be held outside. A sung service of Compline was added to Holy Week observance in 2023.

A survey of attendance over all services in October showed an average weekly attendance of 158, with an average Sunday attendance of 120, including children.

Overall Advent attendance (from Advent Sunday to 23 December) was 710 for the congregation and local community, plus 1510 attending schools carols services. Total attendance on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, including two Christingle services, was 1124. There were 186 communicants at the Christmas Midnight Communion along with the morning Christmas Day service, an increase of 12% on the 2022 figure.

The illuminated JOY artwork outside the east wall of the church was once again admired as a way of focusing attention for passers-by during Advent and Christmas. A further art installation of HOPE, created for Easter in 2022, was appreciated both by churchgoers and by passers-by.

Over the year there were four baptisms, ten weddings, eighteen funerals in church, sixteen funeral services at the crematorium, and twelve burials of ashes or simple committals.

The flower club had a busy year, starting with Easter, always a lovely time of the year after the quiet of Lent. In 2023 flowers were arranged for seven weddings, and in between them for Dedication, Lammas, Patronal Festival and Harvest, finishing with Christmas. There are eighteen members on the rota for weekly flowers arranged at both altars, sometimes arranged in memory of loved ones, and the flower club members provide the flowers when not in memory. If there is anyone reading the Annual Report who would like to join the flower club they would be most welcome; no experience is needed, just a love of flowers.

The Serving Team has continued with its usual activities throughout the year. Additional members of the team are always welcome, so if you'd like to have the opportunity to get involved in this aspect of ministry, which also helps you increase your knowledge of what happens at Services and other aspects of our worshipping life, or would like to discuss the possibility, please contact Phil Wadsworth.

A collection of food and toiletry items continued to be made during 2023 and was donated to Chelwood Food Bank in Stockport. The congregation continues to give generously.

Discipleship

Life Groups were established late in 2022 with the intention within the groups of sharing life and faith, and encouraging one another. During the year these have formed and in some cases re-formed, and by the end of 2023 comprised:

- The Life 40 group, primarily for under 40s to come together for fellowship, food and growing together in faith. This meets fortnightly at the Vicarage, and is led by Calum and Jess Piper.
- The Monday Life Doorway group, led fortnightly by Bob and Tricia Munn, has spent time exploring among other things the Lord's Prayer and the book of Proverbs.
- Tuesday Life Group led by Reader Mark Hackney met monthly to discuss the Bible and aspects of our faith we find important and fascinating. Topics have included: Women of the Bible; The Commandments; the Eucharist.
- The Thursday Fellowship, meeting in the afternoon, was initially led by Andrea Millington. Later in the year leadership passed to Pauline D'Souza took over leadership and the day moved to Wednesday.
- Towards the end of the year a new group was established meeting on the first Monday of the month at the Ladybrook pub. Led by Jo Oughton. Life Ladybrook invites people to ask Big questions about Faith and to discuss them in a relaxed environment over a drink.
- An Alpha course took place after Easter which was attended by 14 people. in xxxx? Month

During Advent recordings were made and posted on social media for each day with reflections on a line of a Christmas carol. Some of these were also used as part of the Service of Lessons and Carols.

The Library, based in the Lounge, has continued to resource the congregation, and is overseen by librarian Dorothy Wright.

Ministry to Younger Generations

Jenny Gallimore was appointed as the new Children's Worker in January 2023, with several goals in mind - to continue to improve children's ministry at St Michael's, to strengthen the church's relationships with the local primary schools, uniformed organisations and the wider community and to help support children in developing their faith and relationship with God.



Children's Groups

As of January, the ministry group for primary-aged children, **"Buds"**, started to run weekly during the 10am service on a Sunday. The number of children attending weekly was initially around 6 or 7. Over the course of the year, the number of children attending each week rose to an average of 10. "Buds" provides an opportunity for the children to play games, learn Bible stories, do crafts and learn about God in a safe and friendly environment. "Buds" also had an opportunity for outreach in the Bramhall community by taking part in the annual Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club Scarecrow Festival in September and won Best Children's Entry with *Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat!*



Active Angels has continued to thrive as a playgroup for young children and their parents/carers. A limit of 100 people attending was put in place to prevent overcrowding; this capacity for the group was reached (or nearly reached) each week. Playgroup parties were very well attended and received over the course of the year (Pancake Party, Summer Party, Christmas Party). "Story Time" was introduced to each session which proved to be very popular with the children. Two stories are read (one secular and one Christian) and the children enjoy and listen well to both books.



An after-school club, **"Footprints"**, was set up on a Monday for primary school children. 5 children attended regularly and enjoyed bible-based crafts, games and stories. Sadly, despite best efforts, this group was not well attended due to competition with other after-school clubs based at schools, and so the group stopped meeting in December.

An **Easter Holiday Club** ran on 4th April and saw 149 people come through our doors. Everyone enjoyed crafts, garden games, snacks and hearing the Easter story.

A **Summer Holiday Club** for primary school children was held over three days in August which was a great success. 20 children attended the club (many of whom don't normally go to church).



Schools

Work on strengthening relationships with local schools was a main point of focus for Children's Ministry at St Michael's throughout the year. Jenny has done numerous assemblies at Nevill Road Junior School and Ladybrook Primary School.

Nevill Road Juniors brought Year 4 to visit us in May as part of "The Big Help Out" for the coronation.

Experience Christmas took place in December and was a great success thanks to a large group of fantastic volunteers from the congregation. 350 children and 30 adults from 5 local schools visited us over the course of the week to immerse themselves fully in the Christmas story through different interactive stations around church.

Uniformed Organisations

Another aim for Children's Ministry at St Michael's was to strengthen relationships with our uniformed organisations. Jenny did the faith badge with the 4th Bramhall Beavers and 1st Woodford Beavers, and also with the 4th Bramhall Scouts. She also visited the 4th Bramhall Rainbows to help them learn all about Harvest.

Christmas

Christmas was a great opportunity to reach out to children and their families through services such as the Christingle and the Nativity. Both services were full of children and their families, which was wonderful to see.



Active Angels Christmas Party



Active Angels Pancake Party



Summer Holiday Club (Aug '23)



Faith Badge – Beavers (Nov '23)

Festival 2023: The Wizard of Oz 2023: A Personal View

And so it began! In November 2021 a meeting, somewhat delayed by the aftermath of the pandemic, was arranged to discuss the Wonderland Festival held in 2021. The aim of the meeting was to reflect on the festival, the outcomes and discuss what if anything we should do in the future. Fortunately, between us, we were able to conjure up memories of what ostensibly had taken place 9 months previous.

Having reminisced, laughed, shared our thoughts, the conversation inevitably turned to what we would do next. Should we, could we replicate our success or should we go out on a high? If the decision was to undertake another event, what should that be? Group members were tasked with going away to think, pray and return with some suggestions in 2 weeks time. Ideas came thick and fast, Peter Pan, Wind in the Willows, a childrens' authors event. One idea shone out - The Wizard of Oz. Mindful that previous festivals had led to comments such as 'You took us to a different world' and reminded us of the desire to perhaps escape from the world if only for a short period of time. The story of the Dorothy and her journey, her friendships and the realisation that there is no place like home resonated with everyone. The Wizard of Oz was the choice. On 17th December the group sat down to watch the original film starring Judy Garland as Dorothy. Quickly ideas came to mind, scenes emerged and group members volunteered or were volunteered to undertake roles. The journey had begun. A date was fixed, meetings arranged, monthly, then fortnightly then weekly. A huge demand on peoples' time, but productive and fun.

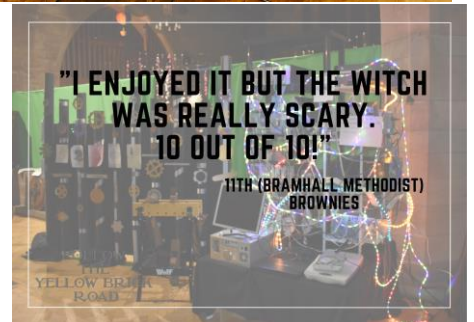
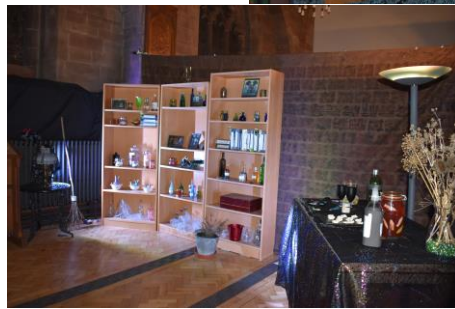
Following the by now well oiled format of previous festivals Oz started to come to life. Scenes were identified, and one by one, letting imaginations run wild, things started to come together. From the transformation of the lounge, journeying into a farmyard, complete with straw, animals etc, through Munchkinland, meeting the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion, surviving an encounter with the Wicked Witch, we arrived at the Emerald City. And what a city that was, designed and built by Peter Illingworth and his trusty band, who would have envisaged scaffolding in the Nave as the city grew! What a showstopper. So many talents emerged, costume designing, crafting, cake making, potion making, ticket organising. The team went into overdrive.

As 2022 progressed excitement built. How would it be, would it be compared to Narnia and Wonderland? We had already decided that this would be our last festival; we didn't want to become stale. A year into planning and requests for volunteers went out. To be guides, to staff the kitchen, to make cakes, wash tea towels, do odd job, water flowers. So many roles and St Michael's responded brilliantly.

In February 2023 we opened our doors to the community. We welcomed almost 3000 people, all excited and happy to be there. It's fair to say we were well received and people hopefully gained a different perspective on Church and our community. For all involved, the friendships, the laughter and huge sense of community will be long remembered.

There are far too many people involved to single out individuals for thanks; perhaps the exception should be Calum, who not only took an active role but allowed us to transform St Michaels into a different world. Along the Yellow Brick Road we were all reminded of the need for kindness, courage and wisdom as we journey through life, not a bad lesson to take away.

Sue Taylor 2024



The Mill

The Mill is a registered charity started in the year 2000 by Churches Together. Its premises are at 42A Bramhall Lane South and are open after school each Thursday and Friday.

Part-time youth workers at the Mill are Ian and Sharon. Ian experienced a succession of health and personal problems during the year, but refused to let them affect his work. He was supported through this by all the Mill personnel, and he has been very grateful for this support. Sharon also had to deal with a sudden bereavement later in the summer, so our usual summer workshops were curtailed. The Trustees have commended the way both our youth workers determined to continue as far as possible to lead The Mill in its work. Sadly, Sharon moved south to Congleton in November. She had become a much-loved part of the team and a replacement has yet to be found. It could be you! Reagan, a trainee pastor from Ford's Lane, has been welcomed to our Thursday sessions, as well as Suzie who has also joined the volunteer team.

The sessions are populated by cheerful and bright young people happy to be able to meet together. They tumble in each session, eager to play table tennis and pool, engage in chit chat and order the amazing Mill'kshakes which Ian concocts. The scrumptious chocolate and the beautiful strawberry ones are favourites.

Sharon and Ian have connected with the High School, and after a blip when the school was closed due to its structure being unsafe, there are now regular Thursday lunchtime drop-in sessions run with CIST (Christians in Schools Trust).

In October St Michael's hosted a joint fundraiser with The Mill when Ian and the band made up of his church friends entertained us with their music and we danced the night away. Thank you, St Michael's, for this. We thank all our volunteers who come faithfully and give their time so freely. We could not run the Mill without you.

So funding – The Lottery gave almost £10000 in October, which fills a big gap in the Mill resources. About £45k per year is needed to run the Mill – rent, utilities, salaries etc. New Trustees are also needed. The constitution allows for up to seven: currently there are four and two are retiring this year so a critical point in the Mill's history has been reached. Please consider if you could be a Trustee. Maybe it could be you!

St Michael's Guides

4th Bramhall (St Michael's) Guide unit has become a very close knit group of girls who have really flourished since the difficult days of lockdown. We are still small in number (although numbers are on the increase) but enthusiasm is high and we have had some fantastic times this year. Early in 2023 the girls wanted to run a cake sale for Ukraine with all proceeds going to a charity which supports Ukrainians who are living locally. A big thanks to members of St Michael's who were very generous during a meeting in the lounge!

During the Summer we had our annual trip to Lyme Park for new girls to make their Promise and to enjoy the great outdoors. We found a small trail of tiny frogs which provided great entertainment.

The Guides showed great teamwork at a Girlguiding Stockport escape room event, solving science riddles and sweet treat mysteries. It's always encouraging when they are keen to meet up at weekends for such events.

We finished the year decorating Christmas cakes for parents, which is always a lovely way to end the term.

Brownies & Rainbows

On a sad note, everyone involved in Girlguiding across Stockport was devastated by the death of St Michael's Brown Owl Ann Mason. Ann was a total stalwart of all things Girlguiding and her energy and enthusiasm never ceased, even while she was very poorly. Her funeral was attended by so many people at St Michael's, it was a truly wonderful send off. She will always be remembered for her dedication to her family, friends and everyone involved in Girlguiding - and also for her fantastic sense of humour! Currently, our Brownie Unit is not meeting and the girls have been offered places at other units. It's early days as to what happens next...

Our Rainbow Unit, led by Katie and supported by Abby, is thriving and they have a really lovely group of girls.

4th Bramhall (St Michael's) Scouts

4th Bramhall Scout Group had another successful year in 2023 with more young people joining us along with a couple new leaders. The annual jumble sale returned along with a number of camps for all sections. The county jamboree hosted at Linnet Clough was a great weekend for all involved.

We participated in the annual remembrance Sunday parade and the Ladybrook Valley District St George's Day parade in Bramhall. The Scout Association has been slowly rolling out a national transformation project, we have been implementing changes to governance and leadership as required.

Fellowship and Community

2023 saw continued fellowship within church activities and organisations. The monthly breakfast after the 8.00 Sunday service continued, and the congregation met together for a bring-and-share lunch to celebrate our Patronal Festival in September.

A new Walking Group was established and a number of very successful walks have been organised.



The walking group at White Nancy.



December walk around the local lanes and footpaths

← *Walk up to Shutlingsloe through Macclesfield Forest, with low cloud*

A new programme of Friday fundraising events was set up to raise funds for church projects but also for everyone to enjoy. During 2023 there were five events. They were:

- Treasure Hunt
- Pimms and hymns
- Quiz night
- Murder mystery night
- Band night, which was run jointly with the Mill and 50% of the net proceeds went to that charity.

Approximately £4000 has been raised so far. These events would not be possible without the help from the Outreach group and volunteers, so a big thank you to them for all that they have done.

Reader Mark Hackney has been able to resume leading worship in four care homes in the community, Abbeyfield, Meadway, Bramhall Manor and Ladybrook Manor. A growing number of congregants, who are currently unable to attend church, have received monthly visits for a service of Holy Communion. Two tea parties took place in church at Easter and Harvest time for residents from local care homes. They began with a short service, and were followed by a sociable gathering for residents, carers and church congregants.

A Craft Table set up as part of the Light Up Bramhall festival in the village just before Christmas was well used and appreciated by young members of the Bramhall community. The Field of Light event just before Christmas for people to light a candle in memory of a loved one had to be moved from outside into the church building because of very inclement weather. This did not detract from the power of this event, which was attended by those from the wider community as well as members of the congregation.

#The Mothers' Union has continued with monthly well-attended meetings. Prayers for its members and family life around the world following the Prayer Diary and being part of the global Wave of Prayer are an integral part of the organisation. Support has been given to "NO MORE 1 IN 3 to end gender abuse and violence" and to the MU "Rise Up against domestic abuse" campaigns. Funds raised for the mother and baby unit at HM Prison Styal have contributed towards the birthing bags for new mothers and their babies and small gifts for toddlers. 2023 has also seen the collection and sending of bags of educational materials for disadvantaged children in the Ukraine and Bulgaria as part of the joint Mothers' Union and Door of Hope Appeal.

Carrying on from the end of 2022 ACE members of ACE (Arts and Crafts Experience) continued to help with the preparations for Follow the Yellow Brick Road. After that successful festival ACE reverted to its own activities which included Card making, stencilling, stamping on fabric, Celtic knotwork, and leatherwork. Brenda Knight inspired them to record the year in embroidery by embroidering a clock, recording events and the seasons. Fun was had with acrylic pouring, a technique learnt by following instructions on a projected screen. In July an expedition was made by train to the Craft Centre in Manchester, where all were particularly inspired by an outlet specialising in cyanotype printing. Using Goldwork techniques a green pulpit fall and Lectern markers for use in Church were embroidered. Other activities included crocheting, basket-work and pyrography. The year ended with the creation of Cone table decorations and the sharing of a joint Christmas Lunch with the MU.

TGiM (Thank God it's Monday) fellowship lunches for retired people held on the second Monday of the month continued to be well attended during 2023. Often guest speakers have given presentations which have proven to be very enjoyable, interesting and thought-provoking. If you would wish to give a talk (about 45 minutes long) or know of someone who may wish to give a talk please contact John Baker directly or via the Church Office.



Buildings and Grounds

(incorporating fabric and ornaments report)

The churchwardens have carried out their annual inspection of the buildings, furniture and fittings of St Michael and All Angels, and have reported back to the PCC on their findings.

During the year there have been a couple of new items purchased, namely a couple of Nilfisk vacuum cleaners. Additionally a new television has been bought which has been fixed to the wall in the lounge. This is to aid the services held there, and is also available for hirers to use for their talks.

The shelves in the store room have been taken down as they were originally built to house music and could not be adapted for any other use. At the end of the year, a new door for the staff office was bought and hung. This door has a glass panel and allows more light in. Also, any meetings that are taking place are visible and interruptions can be prevented.

Motion sensor lights have been fitted in the toilets, and in the vestry corridor and the flower corridor, and new flooring installed in the gents' toilets.

During 2023 the final tree works from a report commissioned in October 2021 were undertaken.

The grounds continue to be maintained by a small group of volunteers. This is open to anyone who is free and would like to join in. In order to fund a gardening habit, we go to the auctions to buy plants which we sell on. The monies raised are then used to buy gardening supplies such as compost and shingle.

Health and Safety

Weekly fire alarm zone tests for the Hall were carried out throughout the year, together with a monthly functional emergency lighting test for the Hall and an annual one-hour test to prove the lighting will function on the battery back-up system to enable safe evacuation. Various repairs and replacements have taken place throughout the year. The annual inspection of the ladders and step ladders used by St. Michael's personnel was carried out in February, no concerns were expressed.

The Health & Safety Policy was reviewed and amended in February/March 2023 and signed by Calum on 27 March following approval by the PCC on that day.

The Bell frame was inspected in June 2023 and pictures taken. The condition was deemed acceptable, with just some surface rust present. It has been agreed that steelwork inspections, together with any necessary associated coatings applied, is to coincide with roped access being made available to carry out the QIs.

The architect suggested, whilst carrying out the QI this year, that a fall/arrestor system is installed. It has been agreed this would be a good solution for accessing the bell tower so it has been added to the list of items awaiting funding.

The soffits and bargeboards associated with the Hall have been noted as requiring treatment; it is hoped this work will be carried out by a contractor in the spring; however, any work necessary following the QI will have to take financial precedence, and this work is still outstanding.

A new Sidespersons' Handbook has been issued and a meeting convened to explain its content.

Safeguarding

We are committed to high standards of safeguarding practice at St Michael and All Angels. The Safeguarding team (Louise Sell, Sue Taylor, Sheila Collins) continue to meet regularly with Calum Piper and Churchwardens Julie Sweeting and Sue Howgego. The meetings are an opportunity to check that our systems and processes are fit for purpose, to review safeguarding elements of church policies and risk assessments, to discuss any formal and informal safeguarding concerns, and to respond to diocesan communication. The team work closely with the Children and families' worker to promote safeguarding in the children's ministry.

The team completed the 2023 safeguarding parish audit. Follow-up actions were to update publicity with diocesan changes, keeping up to date records of safeguarding training and DBS checks, and developing a policy regarding photographs of children.

The team continue to collate evidence of enhanced DBS checks, Church of England safeguarding basic and foundation training, and domestic violence training. This was collected for the majority of the new PCC in 2023 and for new Parish employees. Compliance with safeguarding training can be easily checked by the Parish Safeguarding Officer on the CofE safeguarding portal, and DBS checks are sent to her.

During the year the team have received the risk assessments for Active Angels, and events including holiday clubs, Experience Christmas and Easter, Pancake Day and fund raising / outreach events. They have advised on further improvements to our safeguarding culture following review of the events. The safeguarding team considered the issue of the taking of photographs of children during Church activities and sought diocesan advice. A new Active Angels registration form is now in use which sets out our policy regarding the taking of photographs during the sessions. Parents may take photos of their children but not of others' children without consent and must not post on social media.

The team advised the PCC on safeguarding requirements for a proposed lift sharing rota although in the event the rota did not go ahead.

To promote a high level of safeguarding awareness throughout our church family, we held a "Safeguarding Sunday" on 2 July 2023. The format was a brief presentation about safeguarding in the Church of England followed by interactive scenario discussions. This was well attended with good informal feedback.

The PCC

Membership

Members of the PCC either hold office *ex officio* or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. A small number of members may also be co-opted. Elections to the PCC confer membership for one year, with a maximum service of six consecutive years, after which members must stand down for at least one year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Ex-officio Members

Clergy	The Reverend Calum Piper (<i>Vicar & Chairman</i>)	
Churchwardens	Sue Howgego	Julie Sweeting
Reader	Mark Hackney	
Pastoral Worker	John Baker	

Deanery Synod Representatives to APCM 2023

David Beveridge	Phil Wadsworth
Bryan Goodwin	Jo Oughton

Deanery Synod Representatives from APCM 2023

Sheila Collins	Phil Wadsworth
Janet Ketteringham	David Walker
Bob Munn	

Elected Members

Lay representatives to APCM 2023

Frances Beards	Sheila Newbon
Robert Cryer	Mike Pedley
Sally Harwood	Louise Sell
Michael Holmes	David Taylor
Jill Illingworth	Sue Taylor
Janet Ketteringham	Ann Walker
Phil Ketteringham	Rob Watson
Tricia Munn	

Coopted member

Bob Munn

Lay representatives from APCM 2023

Frances Beards	Brenda Knight
David Beveridge	Tricia Munn
Samantha Bowden	Sheila Newbon
Rachel Chadwick	Louise Richardson
Robert Cryer	Louise Sell
Joyce Devine	David Taylor
Michael Holmes	Alexandria Walker (<i>resigned 2 September</i>)
Jill Illingworth (<i>resigned 16 August</i>)	Ann Walker
Peter Illingworth	Rob Watson
Phil Ketteringham	

Coopted member

Jenny Gallimore

At the APCM in 2023 it was agreed that with effect from the APCM in 2024, lay representatives would serve for three years, with a maximum service of six consecutive years as before.

Report

The full PCC met six times during the year. The average level of attendance at meetings was 73%. Committees and working groups met between meetings, and reports of their deliberations and activities were received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

During the year the PCC received reports and discussed, among other things, re-instating the availability of the common cup at Eucharistic services, the remits of its various committees, and the change in procedure for the election of PCC members. The seeking for a vision for St Michael's as we would like it to be in 2030 remained an important item on each agenda.

Committees

The PCC operates with two permanent committees, and with working groups set up to tackle any special projects or tasks. These committees and working groups meet and report as necessary to the PCC.

Standing Committee

Membership: *Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Vice-Chairman, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer*

This Committee is required by church law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It met six times during 2023, primarily to set agendas for PCC meetings.

Finance and Buildings Committee

Membership: *Bob Munn (Chairman), Vicar, Churchwardens, Rob Watson (PCC Treasurer), Hedley Smith (PCC Health, Safety & Environmental Officer), George Foot, Mike Holmes, Louise Sell, David Taylor, Ann Walker*

The overall aim of this committee is to provide and maintain the material and other resources needed to carry out God's work at St. Michael's. It is responsible for finance; care of buildings and grounds; health, safety and environmental issues; and personnel matters. It has powers delegated from the PCC to deal with smaller and more detailed matters, and it provides advice and makes recommendations to the PCC on more substantial ones, including the annual budget and reserves. It met five times during 2023.

Among items recommended to the PCC for approval have been a revised financial policy and procedures to reflect changes in practice; refurbishing the organ; and applying to have the building listed, which would enable VAT to be reclaimed on some repairs. The new finance team has continued to settle in, banking arrangements have been improved, and better accounting software has been successfully installed. The committee has continued to deal with maintenance, improvements to support health and safety, and charges for using the church and hall.

Details of these and other matters considered by the committee are given elsewhere in this report in the reports from the Treasurer, from the Wardens on Fabric and Ornaments, and from the Health, Safety and Environmental Officer.

Eco Action Group

Membership: Hamida Adkins, Frances Beards, Robert Cryer, Doreen Donnan, George Foot, Shelagh Gall, Bryan Goodwin, Sheila Newbon, Calum Piper, Louise Richardson, Helen Russ, Phil Wadsworth (Chairperson)

Group Targets – approved and adopted by the PCC – for 2023 and their outcomes were:

- Work with the F&B Committee and the PCC to produce a 'Parish Roadmap to Net Zero'. **In progress at year end**
- Support uniformed organisations attached to St Michael's to help their members achieve 'green badges' where such are available. **In progress at year end**
- Through EAG participation in 'Bramhall's Green Network' get involved in community events such as general community clear-ups, balsam removal, etc. **Achieved**
- Reduce gross CO₂ emissions from the St Michael's site from 2022 figures. **Awaiting 2023 data**
- Increase participation in 'Grounds Days'. **Achieved (at one of the two events)**
- Conduct wildlife / biodiversity counts of the site. **Achieved**
- Observe 'Walk to Church Sunday'. **Not achieved**
- Complete an EcoChurch UK Award Survey to gauge current position against that when we gained the Silver Award. **Achieved**
- Produce a list of where various items could be taken locally for recycling. **In progress at year end**

Parish Development Group (Finance)

Membership: Louise Richardson (chair), Sue Taylor, Ann Walker (to 2023), Rob Watson, Stuart Villard, Michael Holmes (from 2023), Phil Wadsworth (from 2023).

This group seeks to support the Parish's mission and future strategies by identifying, bidding for and securing external sources of funding to support the Parish's strategies for future development, by producing, organising and evaluating an annual programme of events and activities with the dual aim of generating income and importantly enhancing community outreach and social engagement with the Church and the wider parish, and by working with existing and potentially new church groups to co-ordinate all fund-raising activities across the church organisation, in order to reduce the possibility of event fatigue and duplication.

During 2023, Ann Walker resigned from the Group but two new members were warmly welcomed – Michael Holmes and Phil Wadsworth. The group did not make any further bids for external resources during 2023. During the latter part of 2023, the terms of reference of the group were reviewed and revised during 2023 due to the creation of an Outreach and Events Group and the work undertaken by the PCC in developing the Vision 2030. Added to the terms of reference have been references to the PCC's Vision 2030 and working in collaboration with the Outreach and Events group.

The group have spent time in 2023 looking to plan two major events – one in 2024 and one in 2025. Thanks to Michael Holmes there is now a Trademarked Logo for these events. The details of the events will be released during Spring 2024. The group welcomes new members with ideas and energy for future fundraising activities. Meetings are advertised in St Michael's Today.

Electoral Roll Report

On 1st January 2023 Revision 3 of the Electoral Roll had a membership of 249, of which 182 members resided within the Parish and 67 were non-residents.

Under the Church Representation Rules, the Electoral Roll for the Church is renewed every six years and must be revised each year for presentation at the Church's APCM. Thus, Revision 4, for 2023-2024, started on 25th March 2023 and was completed on 13th May 2023. Required changes to the Electoral Roll were presented, as Amendment Lists, at each PCC meeting. During 2023 there were 6 Amendment Lists presented - 2 for Revision 3 and, 4 for Revision 4. Those changes comprised 8 additions, 11 removals and 13 changes to members' contact details.

The annual report for 2023 thus records the Electoral Roll, as of 31st December 2023, as having a membership of 246, of which 177 members reside within the parish boundary and 69 are non-residents.

Phil Ketteringham has continued to act as Electoral Roll Officer.

Vision 2030

During 2022 the PCC had spent a considerable time working to draw together a vision for the church for seven years ahead. When completed it stated:

In 2030 St Michael's will be a church where:

- **We proclaim our faith confidently**
- **We embrace a mixed ecology of worship**
- **Our membership is reflective of the wider Parish**
- **Our resources are used sustainably**
- **We serve our community actively**

The working through of this vision remained a priority in 2023, as the PCC developed its ideas on how to implement the vision most effectively.



Alpha Course



PCC Meeting

Deanery Synod

Cheadle Deanery Synod met three times in 2023. The first meeting took place on 7 March, with the main agenda item being a discussion around how the functions of the deanery could be improved. This was followed by the summer meeting in June which was an informal BBQ to thank members of the synod which was coming to an end. Deanery Synod elections took place during the 2023 APCM's and a new Synod was formed on 1 July with their first meeting being held on 4 October. During this meeting the new Interim Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Revd Leslie Currie, introduced herself and invited questions from the synod. There was also a time of encouragement by sharing what was going on in parishes around the Deanery.

Paul Cumming was commissioned as Rural Dean of Cheadle on 20 April by the Bishop of Stockport with Revd Sarah Hancock being appointed to the role of Assistant Rural Dean. The following were elected to their respective posts within the deanery during the synod on 4 October.

Graham Lowcock - Lay Chair

Revd Calum Piper – Secretary

Tony Mason – Lay Rep to the Deanery Standing Committee

Hannah Brackenbury - Lay Rep to the Deanery Standing Committee

Revd Nick Feist- Clergy with PTO Rep to the Synod

Revd Eileen Short – Clergy with PTO Rep to the Synod

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford continued its ministry predominantly with ministers or leadership representatives from each of the Churches gathering together each month to pray and share encouragement. There were three main comings together of the wider church fellowships, these being the Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service of Unity, Praise in the Park during September, along with a new venture supporting the new Woodford Winterfest community event. Churches Together also enable the village nativity scene to be erected each year. Calum continued to serve as chair of Churches Together.



Good Friday Service of Unity



Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires charities to report on how their activities carried out their aims for the public benefit. In reporting, the PCC has had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Worship

Services are open to all, and the church is open for private prayer and meditation on weekdays. Services of worship take place each Sunday and Wednesday in the parish church and at Christmas in Bramhall Hall Chapel.

Occasional Offices

The church is normally used for baptisms, weddings and funerals. During 2023 there were 4 baptisms, 10 weddings, 18 funerals in church, 16 funeral services at the crematorium, and 12 burials of ashes or other committals.

Education

Contacts have been made with some local schools, and links are maintained with uniformed organisations. Learning about the Christian faith is fostered by sermons, by all-age services, by short study programmes, and by a variety of house groups, sometimes meeting digitally. Parties of local school children visit the church as part of their curriculum and are introduced to the building and the activities that go on in it. A local school sometimes borrows equipment. This work takes place in the context of our Strategy for Children and Young People.

Concerts

The church building is available for booking by organizations that present concerts and book readings. 9 concerts were held in church during 2023, along with 4 school carol concerts.

Pastoral Care

The church has been able to resume leading worship in four care homes in the community, Abbeyfield, Meadway, Bramhall Manor and Ladybrook Manor. A growing number of congregants, who are currently unable to attend church, have received monthly visits for a service of Holy Communion. Two tea parties took place in church at Easter and Harvest time for residents from local care homes. The clergy have visited and ministered to those in hospital or hospice.

Scouts and Guides

St Michael's sponsors the 4th Bramhall Scout Group and 4th Bramhall Guides and Brownies, each of which has a policy of open recruitment. The Scouts have their own premises, but the Guides meet in the Church Hall. Both organizations use the church grounds for outdoor activities such as games and cooking.



Active Angels

Active Angels provides activities for pre-school children with their mothers or other carers.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for hiring when not required for church use. It is often the venue for meetings of charities and other bodies, and various special events and parties.

Missions and charities

The PCC gives to missions and charities from any surplus voluntary income. Missions and charities also benefit from funds raised by special collections and fund-raising activities.

Chelwood Food Bank

A collection of food and toiletry items is made every week, normally at both morning services, and donated to this Food Bank in Stockport the following day.

Giving to Missions and Charities

The surplus in 2022 enabled allocations to missions and charities. The National Association for Children of Alcoholics NACOA, The Message Trust (a UK Christian charity delivering Christian schools work) and The Mill youth centre were each awarded £1,133 from surplus after consideration and voting by the PCC. We also continue to support Newala, and a donation for porridge was agreed from 2023 accounts. The Children's Society benefitted with **£1,386** from the Christingle collections over the Christmas period of 2023.

There is no surplus of collections over expenditure for the year 2023, therefore there will be no allocation made to missions and charities by the PCC.

Financial Review from the Treasurer

2023 was a challenging year demanding close watch over expenditure especially with inflationary pressures from external sources, including energy supply and other necessary expenditure like insurance costs and repair fees.

Income was higher than expected at £194.2k, against a forecast budget of £176k. This is due to some generous donations, income from filming events, increases in planned giving and high utilisation of rental assets.

Costs were just about on budget at **£196k**, (includes assumptions at worst case for Gas of **£5,2k**) (Rem energy cost fighting fund is **£2.9k**) against a forecast of £194k. The increased gas costs did occur later in the year 2023 based on a new contract in July and significant savings on Parish share were realised due to a negotiation occurring mid-year for shared living in the vicarage.

The simple calculation, therefore, shows that our costs were £2k higher than income; therefore, technically we have a deficit of £2k for the year 2023. We will use the reserved collections for energy to close this gap for a **break-even result**. Given the cost pressures, this financial performance is commendable, and we must be grateful for hard work, for generous contributions and for creativity to get to this result.

Budgets for 2024 are in place, authorising expenditure within approved limits, and including the refurbishment of the parish flooring completed in February 2024. We can expect 2024 to further challenge our creativity and diligence on expenditure; we will have a full year of the effect of high gas costs for example.

Fundraising events are starting to build funds for other church projects. The collections have resulted in reserved funds for energy, screens, organ maintenance, and legacies. These funds will be used in the future for capital projects, as per the wishes of the donors.

The finance team are working on upgrading the finance data system to a cloud-based system, based on better security, availability, and improved progress reporting. Already this year, we are running payroll for staff on the new system and will be fully in use after close of the year.

Thanks to everyone in the finance team, and also to the whole congregation for their creativity and generosity to achieve the result for 2023. Let's look forward to 2024 with faith and with great hope.

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

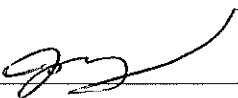
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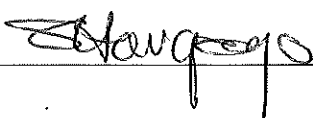
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We hereby certify that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2023, as set out on pages 4 to 16, were approved at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on the Wednesday 10th April 2024.


_____ Vicar


_____ Churchwarden


_____ Churchwarden

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Financial Statements

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Personal Notes

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall,
Parochial Church Council**

1 report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of Members and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

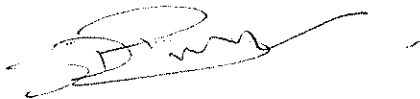
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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 section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Statement of Financial Activities (Summary Level for Comparison with previous year)

Year Ending 31 December 2023

	Note	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds	
						2023 £	2022 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	146,814				146,814	141,786
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	25,336				25,336	22,416
Income from Investments (33D + int)	2(c)	15,348				15,348	14,342
Income from Charitable Activities	2(d)	23,224	7,036	551	975	31,786	12,192
Total Incoming Resources		210,722	7,036	551	975	219,284	190,736
Resources Used							
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	3(b)	85				85	79
Charitable Activities	3(a)	194,409	2,541	18,216	60	215,227	208,648
Total Resources Used		194,494	2,541	18,216	60	215,312	208,727
Net Movement in Year		16,228	4,495	-17,665	915	3,972	-17,991
Allocation to Missions and Charities for the Year	10		0	0		0	-6784
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		16,228	4,495	-17,665	915	3,972	-24,775
Gains / Losses on Investment Valuation (CCLA)		13,636				13,636	-20,082
Net Movements in Funds		29,864	4,495	-17,665	915	17,608	-44,857
Balances Brought Forward at 1 January		533,267	2,251	92,466	4,424	632,408	677,265
Balances Carried Forward at 31 December		563,131	6,746	74,801	5,339	650,016	632,408

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Year Ending 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	362,567	373,333
Current Assets			
Debtors		6,124	12,384
Short Term Deposits		40,580	35,805
Investments	7b	128,421	114,785
Cash at Bank		150,528	128,309
		<u>325,654</u>	<u>291,283</u>
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year			
Creditors and Accruals	8	38,204	32,208
Net Current Assets		<u>287,450</u>	<u>259,075</u>
Net Assets		<u>650,017</u>	<u>632,408</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted	9		
PCC		563,131	533,267
Restricted			
Newala	12	5,339	4,424
Micah Project	13	74,801	92,466
ChProjects		4,202	0
Flower Club		886	593
Church Textiles		1,658	1,658
		<u>650,017</u>	<u>632,408</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ending 31 December 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the SORP applicable to Churches, the Charities Act 2011, together with the applicable accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those of informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Included in the General Funds are funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC which are also unrestricted.

Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund; interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

Collections 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 only when received.

Sales of magazines, and books from the church bookstall, are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of church property is recognised on an accrual basis

Interest is accounted for when received.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for any mission are dealt with as a restricted fund. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ending 31 December 2023

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furniture held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed

Expenditure on buildings is depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years being the useful life of the asset.

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful life of the asset. Specifically:

Chairs:	10 years
Equipment:	5 years
Restoration of Chandellers	10 \ 10 years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase value of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current Assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Funds.

Investments are cash placed in 2014 in 3 Church of England Income Investment funds, managed by CCLA, as a long term investment due to the low interest paid on normal bank deposits

The funds can be available at short notice which may result in a loss due to the valuation of the shares at the time of disposal. Dividends on the funds are paid 4 times a year, and are only accounted for when received.

Missionary and Charitable Giving

The PCC agreed to work to a balanced budget for the year and also agreed that any surplus in the year would be allocated to Missionary and Charitable giving up to £6,000. The allocation of funds will be made at the first PCC meeting following the APCM.

Capital Expenditure

No additional capital expenditure occurred in the year.

A new TV was purchased from a specific donation

St Michael & All Angels PCC, Bramhall - 1133883
 Analysis of income and expenditure
 Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Incoming resources						
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>						
Voluntary income						
11A10 - Gift Aid Planned Giving	97,407	—	—	—	97,407	94,272
11A30 - IT Recovered Planned Giving	24,352	—	—	—	24,352	23,470
11A50 - Non-Gift Aid Planned Giving	11,547	—	—	—	11,547	12,637
11B10 - Collectns - Services	2,233	—	—	—	2,233	1,634
11B20 - Collectns - B/W/F	148	—	—	—	148	203
11B40 - Other Tax Recovered	1,037	—	—	—	1,037	860
11D00 - Sundry Donations	3,989	—	—	—	3,989	3,316
12F00 - Parish Events	6,101	—	—	—	6,101	1,316
2(a) Voluntary income Sub-totals	146,814	—	—	—	146,814	137,708
Activities for generating funds						
14B10 - Hall hire CO	1001	—	—	—	1001	—
14B11 - Hall - Hire Charges FR	24,335	—	—	—	24,335	20,954
2(b) Activities for generating funds	25,336	—	—	—	25,336	20,954
Investment income						
13A00 - Bank & BSoc interest	4,775	—	—	—	4,775	3,588
13B10 - Rent: 33 Dawlish	10,573	—	—	—	10,573	10,254
2(c) Investment income Sub-totals	15,348	—	—	—	15,348	14,243
Incoming resources from	187,498	—	—	—	187,498	172,905
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>						
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
14C10 - Children's Ministry - Income	1,389	—	—	—	1,389	289
14C20 - ACE Income	428	—	—	—	428	—
14E00 - PCC Fees - B/W/F	7,046	—	—	—	7,046	5,479
14E20 - Charitable Fund-raising	1,228	—	—	—	1,228	640
14F00 - Use of Church Facilities	3,904	—	—	—	3,904	5
14F10 - Donations Use of Church	3,197	—	—	—	3,197	3,169
6699-Agency fees B/W/F	3,702	—	—	—	3,702	—
Incoming resources from	20,894	—	—	0	20,894	9,582
2(d) Incoming resources from charitable activities Totals	20,894	—	—	0	20,894	12,832
Other incoming resources						
Other incoming resources						
11B25 - Special Collections	-13	—	—	—	-13	2,044
14C00 - Flower Club	—	—	2,834	—	2,834	2,392
12D00 - Funds for Church Prj	-4,202	—	4,202	—	—	—
14F20 - Newala Diocese Tanzania	—	—	975	—	975	1,388
14F35 - Gardening income	1,030	—	—	—	1,030	1,450
14F44 - Micah Grant Income	—	—	551	—	551	99
14F50 - CDBF Grant income	5,515	—	—	—	5,515	—
2(d) Other incoming resources	2,330	—	8,562	—	10,892	4,991
Incoming resources	210,722	—	8,562	—	219,284	190,728

Resources used 2023
Costs of generating funds

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
3(b) Costs of generating voluntary income						
23B00 - Thanksgiving Sunday	85	—	—	—	85	78
Costs of	85	—	—	—	85	78
Costs of	85	—	—	—	85	78
22A10 - Parish Share	92,227	—	—	—	92,227	96,208 on of Vicarage
22A31 - Incumbent - Car Mile	288	—	—	—	288	272
22A32 - Incumbent - Telephone	196	—	—	—	196	192
22A34 - Incumbent - Postage	48	—	—	—	48	—
22A35 - Incumbent - Car Park	—	—	—	—	—	10
22A37 - Incumbent - Travel &	—	—	—	—	—	20
22A38 - Incumbent - Bks & St	96	—	—	—	96	26
22A39 - Incumbent - Hospital	33	—	—	—	33	75
22A3B - Incumbent - Computer HW	178	—	—	—	178	—
22A3C - Incumbent - Computer SW	830	—	—	—	830	192
22A99 - Ministry Other	400	—	—	—	400	134
22A7B - Asst Staff - Bks & S	—	—	—	—	—	62
22A7A - Asst Staff - Trainin	—	—	—	—	—	168
Subtotal Ministry	94,286				94,286	97,357
Cost of Ministry	94,286				94,286	97,357
Church Maintenance						
22C10 - Church Maint - Organ	816	—	—	—	816	288
22C30 - Church Maint - Heatl	—	—	—	—	—	125
22C80 - Church Maint - Light	—	—	—	—	—	2,997
22C70 - Church Maint - Sound	—	—	—	—	—	270
22C80 - Church Maint - Bldgs	9,081	—	—	—	9,081	1,462
22C90 - Church Maint - Other	—	—	—	—	—	3,408
Subtotal Maintenance	9,897				9,897	8,650
Cost of Maintenance	9,897				9,897	8,650
Upkeep of Services						
22D10 - Altar Requisites	170	—	—	—	170	73
22D20 - Liturgical Sundries	98	—	—	—	98	1,684
22D53 - Music - Expenses	593	—	—	—	593	1,117
Subtotal Services	861				861	2,874
Cost of Services	861				861	2,874
Training and Education Costs						
24B25 - Micah Expenditure	—	—	16828	—	16,828	15,408
22H35 - Children's	—	—	1389	—	1,389	289
Subtotal Training and Ed	0		18,217		18,217	16,698
Cost of Training and Ed	0		18,217		18,217	16,698
Upkeep of Churchyard						
22E30 - Upkeep - Grounds	64	—	—	—	64	1,948
22E35 - Gardening Club Expendure	1,030	—	—	—	1,030	1,460
Subtotal Churchyard	1,094				1,094	3,408
Cost of Churchyard	1,094				1,094	3,408
Parish Events						
22H50 - Parish Events	10,472	—	—	—	10,472	1,095
Subtotal Parish Events	10,472				10,472	1,095
Cost of Parish Events	10,472				10,472	1,095
Running expenses						
22B10 - Church - Gas	13,978	—	—	—	13,978	8,112
22B30 - Church - Electricity	5,456	—	—	—	5,456	3,951
22B50 - Church - Insurance	7,344	—	—	—	7,344	5,581
Subtotal Running Expenses	26,778				26,778	17,664
Cost of Running Expenses	26,778				26,778	17,664
Hall Running Costs						
22I2 - Hall - Cleaning Cost	3,590	—	—	—	3,590	4,603

22830 - Hall - Water Rates	472	---	---	---	472	401
22870 - Hall - Routine Maint	---	---	---	---	---	3,096
22890 - Hall - Refreshments	444	---	---	---	444	380
22C85 - Church Maint - Fire	3,004	---	---	---	3,004	3,265
22B72 - Depn - P&M	10,766	---	---	---	10,766	11,524
Subtotal Hall Running Costs	18,276				18,276	23,278
Cost of Hall	18,276				18,276	23,278
Flower Club						
22A00 - Flower Club	---	---	2,541	---	2,541	2,335
Subtotal Flower Club			2,541		2,541	2,335
Cost of Flower Club			2,541		2,541	2,335
Other PCC property						
22K55 - Dawlish Cl - Repairs	336	---	---	---	336	80
22K57 - Dawlish cl - Insuran	389	---	---	---	389	241
22K63 - Property Management	2,292	---	---	---	2,292	1,335
Subtotal Dawlish	3,017				3,017	1,656
Cost of Dawlish	3,017				3,017	1,656
Church Management and Admin						
24A10 - Admin - Printing & P	3,334	---	---	---	3,334	1,898
24A15 - Publicity & Display Materials	20	---	---	---	20	315
24A30 - Admin - Stationery	46	---	---	---	46	527
24A31 - Office Furniture/Equip	---	---	---	---	---	1,609
24A43 - Admin - Bank Charges	639	---	60	---	699	622
24A45 - Admin - Phone in Par	867	---	---	---	867	733
24A47 - Admin - Software	402	---	---	---	402	754
24A49 - Admin - Other	33	---	---	---	33	501
Subtotal Ch Mngment Admin	5,341		60		6,401	6,959
Cost of church Mngment admin	5,341		60		6,401	6,959
Salaries						
24B30 - Staff Salaries	13,599	---	---	---	13,599	10,167
Subtotal Salaries	13,599		0		13,599	10,167
Cost of Salaries	13,599				13,599	10,167
Vicarage						
22A51 - Vicarage - Council T	5,094	---	---	---	5,094	4,243
22A53 - Vicarage - Water Rat	466	---	---	---	466	400
Subtotal Vicarage	5,560		0		6,560	4,643
Cost of Vicarage	5,560				6,560	4,643
Charitable Funds						
21B00 - Home Missions	-989	---	---	---	-989	8,828
21E20 - Charitable Funds Distribution	3,955	---	---	---	3,955	---
Subtotal Charitable Funds	2,966		0		2,966	8,828
Cost of Charitable Funds	2,966				2,966	8,828
Charitable activities Sub-totals	192,167		20,818		217,604	215,431
204502						
3a Charitable activities Totals	192,167		20,818		217,604	215,431
Other resources used						
22H95 - CDBF Grant Expenditure	2,252	---	---	---	2,252	-330
Other resources used Totals	2,252				2,252	-330
Resources	194,409		20,818		215,227	215,179

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4 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Extracted from Resources Used (see Notes 3)		
Micah reported on Page 3 and Micah breakdown	13,589	25,051
Total staff costs:	13,589	25,051

During the year the PCC paid for the services of an Organist, 1* Parish Administrators, Children and Families Worker and a Verger. None of those employed earned £40,000 or more per annum. The verger and The Children and Families Worker were also a members the PCC, the aggregate employment costs of PCC members were £17,054. The Parish Administrator post is now dedicated. Childrens and family worker is reported in Micah Restricted Fund analysis.

5 Fixed Assets for Use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Land & Buildings		Chairs	Equipment	Total
	Dawlish Close	Parish Centre			
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Book Value					
At 1st January 2023	225,000	167,624	55,136	93,043	540,803
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Grants / Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Disposal	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
At 31st December 2023	<u>225,000</u>	<u>167,624</u>	<u>55,136</u>	<u>93,043</u>	<u>540,803</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st January 2023	0	30,958	52,861	83,651	167,470
Charge for the year	0	3,352	2,274	5,140	10,766
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 31st December 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>34,310</u>	<u>55,135</u>	<u>88,791</u>	<u>178,236</u>
Net Book Value					
At 1st January 2023	<u>225,000</u>	<u>136,666</u>	<u>2,275</u>	<u>9,394</u>	<u>373,333</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>225,000</u>	<u>133,314</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4,252</u>	<u>362,567</u>

A Market Appraisal was made on the 7th May 2015 of 33 Dawlish Close Bramhall by Snapes which recommended an asking price of £190,000. According to Zoopla website the current average price at 31 Dec 2019 £225,000

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6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	362,567		362,567	373,333
Current Assets	239,856	85,798	325,654	291,283
Current Liabilities	-38,182		-38,182	-32,208
	<u>564,241</u>	<u>85,798</u>	<u>650,039</u>	<u>632,408</u>

7a Debtors

		2023	2022
		£	£
51A00	Income Tax Recoverable	6,114	6,249
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		<u>6,124</u>	<u>12,384</u>

7b Investments

		2023	2022
		£	£
	Market Value 1st January	114,785	134,867
	Revaluation gain / loss	13,636	-20,082
	Market Value at 31st December	<u>128,421</u>	<u>114,785</u>

8 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

		2023	2022
		£	£
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	Notes 11	38,182	32,208
NEST Pension creditor		22	
		<u>38,204</u>	<u>32,208</u>

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9 Funds

Restricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31st December 2023 £
Church Textiles	1,658	0	0	1,658
Flower Club	593	2,834	2,541	886
<i>Porridge donation Actioned in FY 24</i> Newala Fund	4,424	975	60	5,339
Micah Project	92,466	551	19,305	73,712
<i>*new</i> ChProj	0	4,202	0	4,202
Total Restricted Funds	99,141	8,562	21,906	85,797

Church Textiles Fund (known as the Kneeler Fund until 1 January 2005) was started in 1993. During 2006 the Servers Robe Fund (also started in 1993) was combined with the Church Textiles Fund. The object of the fund is to provide for the repair and replacement of Church Textiles & Servers Robes.

The object of the Flower Fund is to provide for floral decorations within the church

The Newala Fund was started in 2010, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of a partnership link with the newly formed diocese of Newala Tanzania.

The Micah Project was started in 2020, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of the church, including employment of additional staff members

The "ChProj" fund is set up as Church Projects funding to raise monies to cover urgent repairs and updates to Church owned assets.

Unrestricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Recognised Gains / Loss £	Balance 31st December 2023 £
General Funds	533,267	210,722	194,494	13,636	563,131
	<u>533,267</u>	<u>210,722</u>	<u>194,494</u>	<u>13,636</u>	<u>563,131</u>
Total Funds (Gen+Rest)	632,408	215,582	216,400	13,636	648,928

The General Fund is available for the PCC ordinary purposes.

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10 Missionary and Charitable Giving

	2023 £	2022 £
Funded by Special Collections		
The Children's Society	0	1,321
Toilet Twinning		45
Dec Ukraine Appeal		460
Give Hope (Childrens Society)	0	136
CAP		82
Allocated by PCC 2023		
NACOA (National Association Children of Alcoholics)	1,133	
The Message Trust	1,133	
The Hill	1,133	
Archdeacon of Haslefield	100	
	3,499	2,041
As Newala Accounts		
Hostel		5,500
Water Harvesting Project		2,500
School Porridge		1,500
Inclinerator		258
Medicine - Actua Medera		1,000
	0	10,758
Total as Page 9	3,499	12,802
To Be Allocated by New PCC		6,784
Amounts sent Direct		
The Children's Society		
Children Society Boxes	2667	
Total sent Direct	0	0
Total	3,499	19,586

The sum allocated to Mission and Charities from any surplus in any year is paid out to missions and charities agreed by the PCC in the subsequent year once the accounts are approved

During 2023 The Church or Rooms were provided on a FOC basis on 14 occasions which resulted in a donation of £ 1,672 if charged at our normal hiring rate.

The Childrens Society collections for "Give Hope" and from the Christigle candles will be settled asap in 2024.

St Michael & All Angels PCC, Bramhall - 1133883
 Nominal accounts throughput and closing balances - Details
 Selected period: 01 December 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Transaction totals		Balances	
	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
Total	339.38	38,612.61	=	38,612.52
Made Up as Follows:-				
Date	Reference		Description	
<i>General fund, Unrestricted</i>				
	Opening Balance		7,024.37	
31/12/2023		339.38		Transfer of Accruals now paid
31/12/2023			339.38	Correction to opening bal (PAYE 4 Jan - not 29 Dec)
31/12/2023	22810 Church - Gas		5,118.80	— Church Gas General Use
31/12/2023	22830 Church - Electricity		467.21	— Church Electricity General Use
31/12/2023	22643 Property Management		371.73	— Parish Management fee General Use
31/12/2023	13810 Rent St Davids		3,441.76	— Parish Rent Receipt General Use
31/12/2023	11E01 Restricted Donations - Energy		2,883.61	— Donations for Energy General Use
31/12/2023	11E10 Restricted Donations - Screens		1,952.31	— Donations for Screens General Use
31/12/2023	11E20 Restricted Donations - Organ Maint		1,809.03	— Donations for Organ General Use
31/12/2023	12000 Legacies		5,268.00	— Legacies General Use
31/12/2023	12000 Fundraising for church projects		4,202.40	— Church Projects General Use
31/12/2023	14C10 Children's Ministry - Income		4,359.00	— Children's Ministry General Use
31/12/2023	14F35 Gardening Income		145.28	— Gardening Club General Use
31/12/2023	14F59 CDFE Grant Income		1,321.54	— CDFE General Use
<i>Agency collection, Restricted</i>				
	Opening Balance		517	
Totals		339.38	38,612.61	

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11 Payments to PCC Members

Expenses paid to the clergy may contain a small element which relates to their Function as a PCC Member
No other payments were made to PCC members apart from staff costs which are disclosed under note 4

12 Newala Project	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Donations		
Personal Planned Giving	<u>780</u>	
	780	780
Events		
Produce Sale - Marmalade	0	413
Gift Aid Recovered on Planned Giving	195	195
	<u>975</u>	<u>1,388</u>
Expenditure		
Projects		
Hostel		4,000
Water		2,500
School Porridge		<u>1,500</u>
	0	10,758
Bank Charges	60	153
	<u>60</u>	<u>10,911</u>
Balance at 1st January	4,424	13,947
Balance at 31st December	5,339	4,424

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13	Micah Project	2023 £	2022 £
	Income		
	Interest	551	99
		<u>551</u>	<u>99</u>
	Expenditure		
	Phone, Postage, Software, etc.	1,388	516
	Employment Cost	16,828	14,893
		<u>18,216</u>	<u>15,409</u>
	Balance at 1st January	92,466	107,776
	Balance at 31st December	74,801	92,466

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall,
Parochial Church Council**

1 report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of Members and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

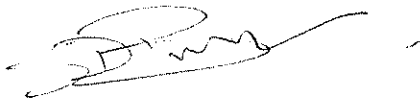
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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 section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Accounts



St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church

Annual Report from the PCC for 2022

Accounts for 2022

Prepared for approval at
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 14 May 2023
at 11.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre

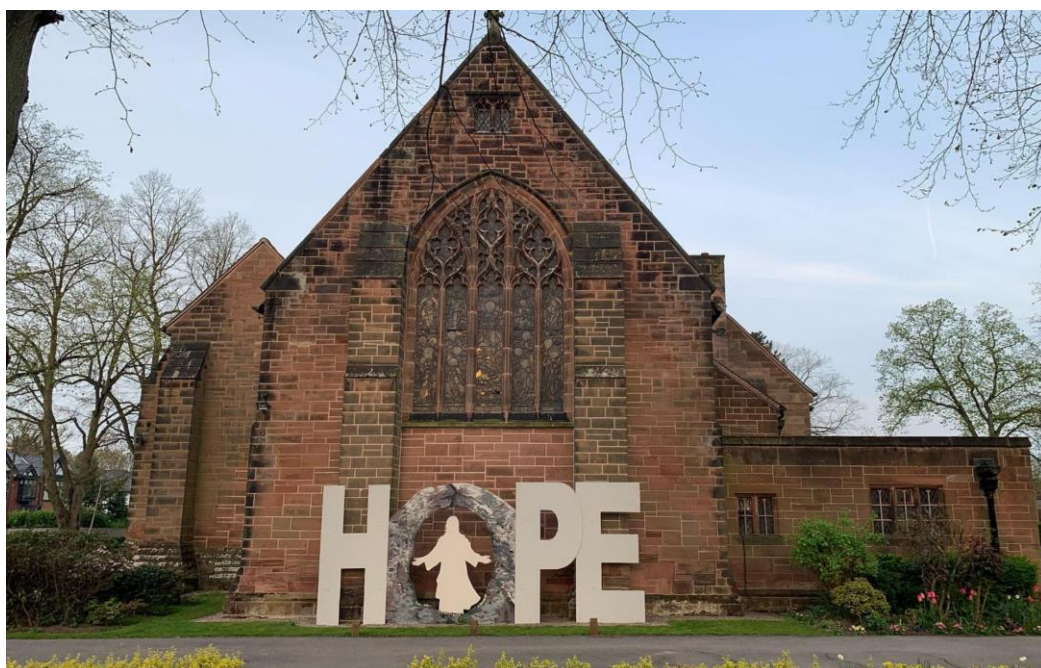
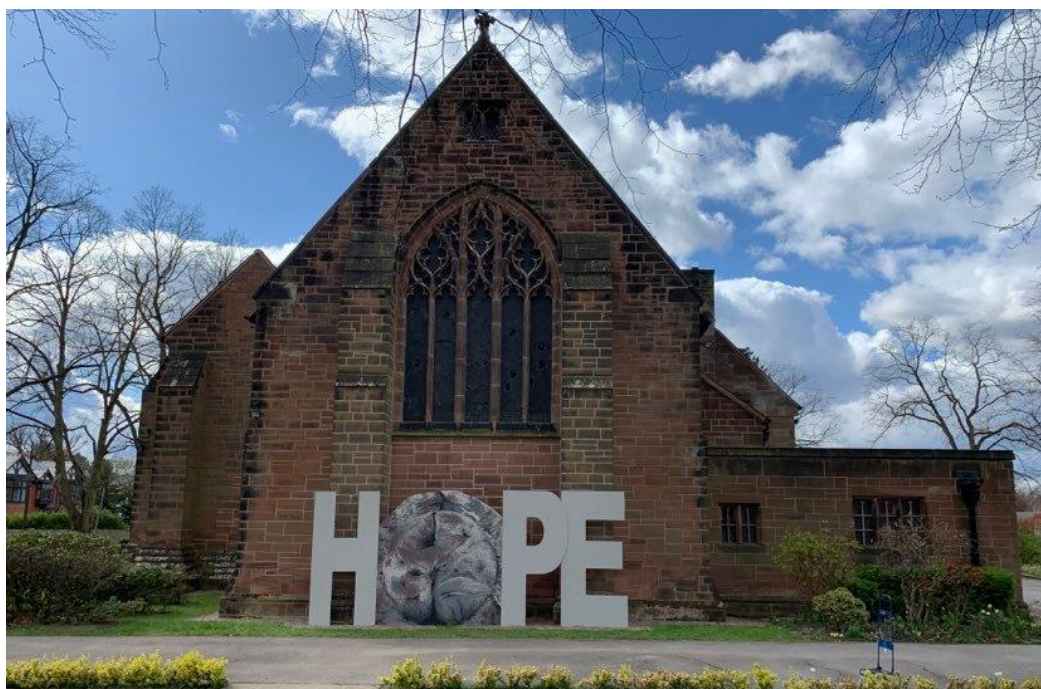


St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

COMMUNITY | INCLUSION | DISCIPLESHIP

St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has responsibility for maintaining the site and buildings that comprise St Michael and All Angels Church and Parish Centre, together with the land and grounds of the church and all other properties owned by the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Bramhall is registered with the Charity Commissioners (Registration No.) 1133883



2022

Incumbent:

The Reverend Calum Piper

Parish Office:

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SK7 2PG

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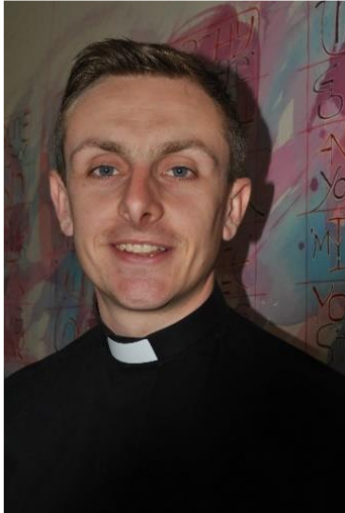
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Vicar's Introduction



2022 broke with the tradition of recent years and the more familiar routine of the year reappeared without the ongoing interruptions of lockdowns and social distancing due to Coronavirus. Covid was still active throughout the world and in our local community, but this report is testament to way our small community has adapted, overcome and found new ways of being and doing church together.

When people look back on 2022 it will most likely be remembered as the year of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, the first of its kind, with celebrations taking place across the nation and throughout the commonwealth. It will also be remembered for the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the proclamation of a new reign beginning with that of King Charles III. Both events were marked at St Michaels, with a service of Thanksgiving and Tea Party for the Jubilee, and then an

ecumenical service of thanksgiving for the life of HM The Queen being held the day before her funeral.

More locally, it was a delight to welcome numerous individuals for baptism with 7 people being confirmed by the Bishop of Stockport and playing host to numerous weddings. 2022 also marked 5 years since I first arrived at St Michaels as Interim Minister, knowing little of what would lay ahead. This report shows how the family of St Michaels continues to seek to be faithful to God in worship and in witness and how we continue to strive to put being a community at the heart of all that we do. For me, I think 2022 was probably a harder year in terms of ministry and community life than the Coronavirus years, due to the pressures of normal life resuming fully, needing to recover a sense of 'normalness' despite so much now being different, and the sad loss of a number of our community who were called home by the Lord.

With our new vision strategy developing towards the end of the year, followed by a really encouraging Christmas I am excited for what lies ahead in our life together as God's people in Bramhall.

I continue to be thankful for the work of so many people at St Michaels who make our life together possible but want to offer special thanks to Julie Sweeting and Sue Howgego as churchwardens, Mark Hackney, John Baker, Jo Oughton, Tricia Munn and Alex Walker on the ministry team, Jenny Gallimore leading our children's ministry and Janet Blackshow as the Parish Administrator. The support of the PCC, its committees and the Safeguarding Team continue to be a source of encouragement and strength and I am looking forwards to all that lies ahead in 2023.

Revd Calum Piper

Churchwardens' Message

2022 has seen several staff changes. We were delighted to welcome Alexandria Walker as Organist, and later as Director of Music. After almost 18 months in the role Connie Lane resigned as Children and Families Worker in December 2022, and has been replaced by Jenny Gallimore in January 2023 as our Children's Worker. A new Finance team has been established. We want to thank all those retiring, Treasurer Graham Knight and bookkeeper Ann Walker, for the seamless handover and the training they provided.

After several months of delay we received our Quinquennial Report on the state of our buildings. Our first priority will be to mend the vestry roof which is leaking. More detail can be found later in the report on the overall condition of our buildings and contents.

Groups continue to return to St Michaels after the pandemic restrictions and have expanded our church family activities. We have also had new hirers for the Parish Centre – Friday Pilates is one example – as well as an increase in parties and a couple of wedding receptions too. More recently Life groups have been set up and it has been good to see them being supported.

We want to thank all who have responded to the request for more volunteers for the various activities, including the Follow the Yellow Brick Road Festival. All help is gratefully received and some projects could not be undertaken without you.

Recently, due to our Administrator's illness, we have covered office duties for two months. This has impacted on our normal duties, but we hope to be back to full strength after the Festival.

Our report would not be complete without our thanks to Calum for all that he does. He continues to generate new ideas and inspire with our services of worship. We are very fortunate to have such a dynamic vicar.

Sue Howgego & Julie Sweeting
Churchwardens



Churchwardens with the Archdeacon of Macclesfield

Review of the Church's Year 2022

People

We were delighted to welcome Alexandria Walker as Organist in the spring, and later in the year she was appointed as Director of Music.

Jo Oughton was recommended for training for ordination at Emmanuel College, and has been placed at St Michael's for the three years of her training, so joining the ministry team.

A new Finance team has been established, with Rob Watson as Treasurer, assisted by Julie Bamber and Elizabeth Beveridge.

In December we said farewell to Connie Lane, who had been our first Children and Families Worker. Jenny Gallimore was appointed as a new Children's Worker from January 2023.

The year saw the sad loss of several members of the congregation. Among those who died and will be sorely missed were Marina Bennett, Edna Bentley, Max Longton, Nan Margeson, Robert Robinson, Jackie Smith, Dianne Whitehead and Joanna Yeates.

Worship

Our worship life remained committed to ensuring that there was a range of worship styles and to making the worship of God as accessible as possible to all. Three services were offered on Sundays, at 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., along with a Wednesday morning service at 10.30 a.m. The 10.00 a.m. service is live-streamed when possible to allow people at home to join in.

Since the appointment of Alex Walker as organist, music for morning services has been provided on the organ, while the 6.30 Sunday service continues to use recorded music. A choir, St Michael's Voices, has been re-established under the leadership of our Director of Music, and sang for the service of Lessons and Carols before Christmas.

Easter Sunday attendance was 262, with 195 communicants, a very significant increase from 152 in 2021 when the service had to be held outside.

A survey of attendance over all services in October showed an average weekly attendance of 154, with an average Sunday attendance of 132, including children.

Advent attendance was 1247, including 705 attending school carol services. On Christmas Eve two Christingle services were held, with a total attendance of 656. There were 156 communicants overall at the Christmas Midnight Communion and the morning Christmas Day service, a small increase on the 2021 figure.

The illuminated JOY artwork outside the east wall of the church was once again admired as a way of focusing attention for passers-by during Advent and Christmas. A further art installation of HOPE was created for Easter, and was appreciated both by churchgoers and by passers-by.

Over the year there were thirteen baptisms, five weddings, twenty-two funerals in church, fourteen funeral services at the crematorium, and seven burials of ashes or simple committals.

In 2022 the Flower Club slowly returned to a more normal programme, with Mothering Sunday being the first major event for them. At Easter lilies were arranged in memory of a large number of people. Flowers were arranged for six weddings, for the Dedication, Patronal and Harvest Festivals, and finally for Christmas. On Dedication Sunday the Flower Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. Each week now there are flowers at both Altars, given by the flower club members unless they are in memory; these are paid for by whoever has requested them.

Under the leadership of Head Server Phil Wadsworth the Serving Team continued with its usual activities throughout the year. They were delighted to welcome three new Servers and the return of another who moved back into the area after some years elsewhere. Additional members of the team are always welcome. Those who look after the silver and altar linen have continued to be fully active when possible.

A collection of food and toiletry items continued to be made during 2022 and was donated to Chelwood Food Bank in Stockport. The congregation continues to give generously.

Testimonies: My Church Story – Alexandria Walker

I first joined St. Michael's when my then 5-year old came home from school and announced he wanted to be a Christian. I Google searched a church that was family friendly and noticed there was also a vacancy for a church organist. I searched the vacancies section because I wanted a church that had a vicar and was well-staffed. Before attending a service I turned up unannounced on a Monday morning and was greeted by three lovely gardeners, who I now know to be the two church wardens and a member of the congregation. They introduced me to Calum and were delighted to learn I could play the organ. Immediately I felt welcomed and wanted to be a part of the community. I could write a full essay about all the ways this wonderful church has welcomed me as part of the family but my favourites are forming a festival choir, meeting so many wonderful people who are now godparents to my son and people I now call my friends, being part of the annual festival as a guide and not only playing the organ each Sunday but also being with the congregation who I love talking with, having coffee with and belonging with. Joining St. Michael's has changed my life in so many ways and I am so grateful God called my son and brought me along for the ride.

My Church Story – Abel Walker

I joined church because I wanted to be a Christian because I had been learning about it at school. When I joined I thought it was really good. I like playing in the children's area and I like Buds because it's fun and we get to play games and hear stories from the bible. We also do prayers. I have made some friends at church and we have fun talking about Minecraft. I got baptized in July and I enjoyed that, it was nice, not too cold and not too warm. I really like Calum, Fist Bump Dave and Jo, my Godparents. I met them at the church. The church is a friendly place and when I am there, I feel happy and I feel safe.

My Church Story – Leah Bridgeman

I started going to church because my little brother Abel showed an interest after being taught about all the different religions in school, and I needed to look after him after my mum started to play the organ. Now I volunteer to help out serving tea and coffee in the kitchen, sing in the choir, join in with Jenny's Buds sessions and get to speak with all the people who attend St Michael's. I love helping out whilst also being able to talk to so many people who I would have never normally met. Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming; I feel like I have become a part of the community. It's a place where I can really just be myself and take my mind off of the stress of school and relax in a comfortable environment.

Discipleship

During Lent in 2022 the Vicar led two study groups, each focusing on the book *Embracing Justice* by Isabelle Hamley.

Autumn 2022 saw the establishment of new Life Groups, with the intention within the groups of sharing life and faith, and encouraging one another. Four new groups were started, including one for those under 40, and three already established groups were subsumed, including the weekly Bible study group led by Calum.

The Library, based in the Lounge, has continued to resource the congregation. Dorothy Wright has taken over responsibility for the Library.

Testimony from Bob Munn

At the end of 2022 I stepped down after 14 years chairing the Chester Diocesan Advisory Committee. This advises the Chancellor of the Diocese on whether to grant a faculty, which is the legal authority for changes to church buildings, interiors and churchyards. My predecessor was a clergyman and my successor is a cathedral architect, so what was I able to bring to the role? Looking back, I think my experience of chairing meetings of academics who all knew more than me helped, but when I was recruited (by Richard Gillings, former Vicar of St Michael's and Archdeacon of Macclesfield), my only experience of the DAC was applying for a faculty for the blue chairs in church. The DAC recommended it, but they also suggested that, from the photos attached, we should consider renovating the floor. This taught me that the DAC advises parishes constructively as well as advising the Chancellor. At St Michael's we have an attractive, well-maintained and accessible church, complemented by the Parish Centre with its toilets, kitchen and meeting spaces that many parishes still lack. We have always been well served by willing and capable people who respect rules and regulations and keep our affairs in good order, so I found I could often draw on my experience in Bramhall as a point of reference for what is possible. It has been a privilege to visit many parishes across the Diocese, to learn how they seek to maintain and enhance their buildings as places of worship and mission – in many cases despite scarce resources – and to help them find the best way to meet their needs. I hope I have also been able to bring back some of what I have learned from them to benefit St Michael's.



Ministry to Younger Generations

Connie Lane had been appointed as our Children & Families Worker in August 2021, with a mission to deepen and develop our relationships with the three primary schools in our parish; to resource the church in connecting with our established play groups with new talent, resources, and energy; and to establish a children's ministry alongside our weekly worship, which would be a place where particularly young children feel safe, included and passionate about the love God has for them.

During 2022 Active Angels opened up again; numbers were soon up to almost one hundred people attending every week. Active Angels attendees have also come to Experience Easter, the Easter holiday club and other Church events. A monthly "Buds" morning service was established and has proven to be successful, bringing together a regular group of about ten children who come to engage and worship together. The monthly all-age "Belong" service went through several changes in format during the year.

At the end of the year Connie left her post, and Jenny Gallimore was appointed to replace her.



Festival 2023

Towards the end of 2021 the group responsible for the Wonderland festival held a very belated de-brief, reliving the experience (what we could remember!! – the outbreak of Covid had put paid to any earlier debrief), and discussing whether or not we should consider a festival in 2023. The overall consensus was that we should do one last festival and so began the planning, under the leadership of Sue Taylor and Julie Sweeting.

2022 began, as with previous festivals, with monthly craft sessions; however it soon became clear that we would need much more than monthly meetings to achieve our goals. So began the seemingly endless painting of backdrops, planning of the Castle and numerous other craft activities. Many, many people have given of their time and talents. St Michael's is blessed with creative people! The year drew to a close with a confidence that we could indeed look forward to another epic outreach. It will be for next year's Annual report to detail 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road': suffice it to say that Julie and Sue would like to thank all who have been involved in the planning and hard graft throughout 2022. There has been much laughter, fun and a great sense of community. Here's to 2023!

The Mill

The Mill is a registered charity started in the year 2000 by Churches Together. Its premises are at 42A Bramhall Lane South and it has two committed part-time youth workers, Ian and Sharon, plus several volunteers from the churches. The Mill can have up to seven trustees. Very sadly, Graham Perkin, a founding trustee, volunteer and passionate voice for young people, died in January. He was much loved by everyone and is deeply missed. During the year we said goodbye and thank you to two volunteers, Patsy and Irene, and welcomed Michelle as a regular Friday volunteer.

The Mill is open after school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday all year except Christmas and Easter. After the post-Covid reopening, the Mill was open on Saturdays too but very few young people came in the afternoons, and none in the evenings. We struggled to find a reason for this and maintained Saturdays until the end of the school summer term. Our Thursday and Friday sessions are very popular and attract mainly Year 6 students. They bustle in after school, full of enthusiasm for life, for table tennis and often for Ian's milkshakes! Our intention is to build upon this, and eventually reopen more sessions in the future. Contact has been made to primary schools and Sharon has now made a relationship with Christians in Schools, so that a future link with the High School can be made.

Once a fortnight, the Mill is used by a local Down's Syndrome group, set up by Graham and his wife Carole many years ago. The carers appreciate the chance to chat with each other and the young people love the pool table, the gaming screens and the friendship.

In November, in response to a national need, the Mill became a Warm Space each Saturday, for 5 months. The volunteer response from all the churches was wonderful and we continue to maintain the space despite it not being used much. The Mill has been fortunate to receive a local authority grant towards the fuel costs.

Funding this year has been reliant on individual donors, for which we are very grateful, also on gifts from some of the local churches and on grants from the local authority. Each year, we do have to find extra funding for rent, utilities and wages. Anyone with skills involving applying for grants would be very welcome to come and help.

Finally, but most importantly, without our volunteers the Mill cannot run. The trustees are very grateful for all the time and dedication the volunteers give to the Mill. Thank you all.

Schools

The church continued to maintain good relationships with Moss Hey, Pownall Green, Valley and Ladybrook Primary Schools. Videos entitled "Church Explained", created by Connie Lane and the Vicar, continued to be used in schools.

An "Experience Easter" event planned for April for primary schools was sadly cancelled because of an outbreak of Covid.

St Michael's also had a presence in Bramhall High School in 2022 helping the Christians in Schools Trust to run a lunch club there. This didn't resume in September 2022.

St Michael's Guides

4th Bramhall (St Michaels) Guides thoroughly enjoyed being back meeting face to face in 2022 after 18 months of Zoom meetings and the odd outdoor get together in between the various lockdowns.

Sadly, there has been a trend within Girlguiding of diminishing numbers as girls dropped out of activities outside school, and we have also seen this at 4th Bramhall. The days of a full 24 girl unit seem a long time ago and we currently only have 8 girls with us. However, they are all lovely girls and get along well and they have a large say in our weekly meetings. We have a few younger girls looking to join us in September and it will be great to get back to double digits.

In September we spent a night at Seven Springs in Disley where the girls did their own cooking as well as going for a long walk around Lyme Park. It was great to be outdoors again!



Brownies & Rainbows

4th Bramhall Brownies were 60 in 2022 and had a party, including Calum, to celebrate! In addition, they have kept busy with a variety of activities helping girls to develop communication, teamwork, leadership skills, etc. They have (without leaving the Hall), visited a variety of countries and learnt about their traditions, foods and crafts, and baked, crafted and enjoyed a warm evening walk to the chip shop! They have attended County events celebrating guiding and met with other units. They have also had relaxing nights watching the TV, have raised funds for children in need with a Read-a-Thon, and have made lots of noise whilst just having fun and playing games.

4th Bramhall (St Michael's) Scouts

Membership of all sections in the Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts), increased in 2022 compared to the previous COVID-hit years 2020 and 2021. However, the Group is always looking to increased volunteer support for a number of areas. 2022 saw the return to near normality in terms of face-to-face meetings and programme provision. The Beavers have gained lots of badges this year and have played plenty of games both online and in the hall and outside. In Cubs, six Chief Scout Silver Badges have been awarded and over the past twelve months, 204 badges have been awarded to the Cubs, including Skills badges and activity badges for Naturalist, Entertainer, Home Help and Backwoods Cooking. Other activities have included sailing, walking, sports and St Georges Day Parade.

Not many Scouts have moved to Explorers recently, so only one Chief Scout Gold Award has been awarded. More are being worked on, with every Scout given the opportunity to achieve this award. 173 badges have been awarded from Challenge Badges to activity badges such as Chef, Craft, Cyclist, Fundraising, Mechanic, Emergency Aid and Navigator. The Scouts undertook their Expedition badge walking from Poynton to Linnet Clough and back again the following day, offering one night away.

St Michael's hosted the district St George's Day parade in 2022, and has also hosted the District awards evenings for Scout Leaders, Beavers and Cubs.

Fellowship and Community

2022 saw continued fellowship within church activities and organisations. The monthly breakfast after the 8.00 Sunday service was revived, and a new Walking Group was planned. The Knit and Natter group re-opened, but was closed down because of reduced numbers.

The Mothers' Union, as a prayer-based organisation for women and men, is concerned with the welfare of families around the world. During the last year the branch held a successful Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea, at which friends and neighbours raised £400.00 for the diocesan Away From It All Holiday Fund which paid for caravan/seaside holidays for 19 families with economic or health needs. The MU is in a "soft" partnership with the Door of Hope Charity which sends Bags of Educational materials to poor and marginalised children in Eastern Europe. The Branch also supported the 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence in November – December.

During the year some of the Arts and Crafts Experience (ACE) group sessions were shared with Follow the Yellow Brick Road activities, particularly as the year progressed. Members created felt birds and knitted mice and snakes, and some have knitted dozens of Teddy Bears for the Teddies for Tragedies charity. Other ACE meetings included a mixture of activities, including fun experimenting with acrylic pouring, creating our own stamps and using them on cards; mixed media hangings; recycling donated t-shirts and making a rag rug; creating hens for the Festival under the expert guidance of Vincent Burston, designing and starting a green pulpit fall, and printing photographs on fabric and then embroidering them. An outing to Gawthorpe Hall was also arranged, the first since lock-down!

The Thank God It's Monday (TGIM) group for men continued its Monday meetings.

Reader Mark Hackney has been able to resume leading worship in four care homes in the community.

Buildings and Grounds (incorporating fabric and ornaments report)

The churchwardens have carried out their annual inspection of the buildings, furniture and fittings of St Michael and All Angels, and have reported back to the PCC on their findings. During the year there have been a couple of new items purchased, namely a shed behind the kitchen for the storage of the artwork boards and a new water boiler in the kitchen. Remedial electrical works have also been undertaken and the chancel has had its lighting changed to LED bulbs.

The kneelers had become a fire risk and parishioners were encouraged to take away any that were special to them. A handful has been kept for services for those that wish to use them. The Tanglewood bass guitar, bought many years ago and little used recently, was donated to Birchfield Primary school to help pupils who wish to develop their musical ability. The wooden chair that was located in the organ loft and in need of renovation has been given to an upholsterer; it is hoped that when it is sold, St Michael's may receive a donation.

The Quinquennial Inspection report was received in the later part of the year. This details any repair works needed, both major and minor. The first of these to be addressed will be leaks in the vestry roof.

A bog garden has been recently dug out, with help from the Scouts. The continued support of those people who help keep the grounds looking so good is appreciated by the Wardens and the congregation alike.

Health and Safety

Weekly fire alarm zone tests for the Hall were carried out throughout the year, together with a monthly functional emergency lighting test for the Hall and an annual one-hour test to prove the lighting will function on the battery back-up system to enable safe evacuation.

An annual inspection of the ladders and step ladders used by St. Michael's personnel has been instituted and is now carried out in February.

Following much discussion with regard to ingress of water via the underside of the basement door, a weather bar has been installed which has significantly reduced the amount of ingress. Unfortunately due to a very high water table we still get water coming down the coal chute.

The Health & Safety Policy was reviewed and amended in February 2022 and approved by the PCC on 24 May; it has been agreed this will now be carried out annually.

Because the access ladder to the Bell Tower has been condemned both by the HSE Officer and also those carrying out the Quinquennial Inspection (QI), neither the Bell or the Bell support have been inspected for some years; this has therefore caused concern. It has now been agreed that roped access will be made available this spring to the architect who carried out the QI, thus allowing an inspection to be carried out.

The soffits and bargeboards associated with the Hall have been noted as requiring treatment; it is hoped this work will be carried out by a contractor in the spring; however any work necessary following the QI will have to take financial precedence.

Safeguarding

During the year the Chester Diocese Past Cases Review 2 Summary Report has been published. The following is an excerpt from the introduction:

We are appalled and angry regarding some of the past safeguarding practice in Chester Diocese. We also recognise that despite our shared commitment to changing the culture and practice in our Diocese, we may still make mistakes or fall short of the expected standards. None of this is good enough and we are committed to learning from survivors and victims, from past cases and from independent reviews. We are intent upon establishing a healthier culture and a safer church and most of all, upon being more Christ-like in how we respond to victims and survivors and to those who are vulnerable.

We are committed to high standards of safeguarding practice at St Michael and All Angels. The Safeguarding team (Louise Sell, Sue Taylor, Sheila Collins) continue to meet regularly with Calum Piper and Churchwardens Julie Sweeting and Sue Howgego. The meetings are an opportunity to check that our systems and processes are fit for purpose, to review safeguarding elements of church policies and risk assessments, to discuss any formal and informal safeguarding concerns, and to respond to diocesan communication.

Following the last elections to the PCC, the team collated evidence of enhanced DBS checks, Church of England safeguarding basic and foundation training, and domestic violence training. This took some time to complete for the whole PCC in 2022. A letter received in January 2023 from Bishop Julie, the diocesan safeguarding lead bishop, makes it clear that compliance with DBS checks and training remains a diocesan expectation. Training and DBS renewals for individuals will be due after three years.

The team completed the 2022 safeguarding parish audit. Follow-up actions included ensuring that key individuals have access to the safeguarding handbook, proposing that the Parish Safeguarding Officer is a co-opted PCC member (if not elected), review of access to social media, publishing of photographs, and recommending adoption of the Church of England digital charter.

During the year the team have contributed to the development of the sidespersons' handbook, risk assessment for the Oz festival, Active Angels, and one-off events. They have provided advice to enhance safety around the parish centre and advice on the DBS and safeguarding training requirements for Life Group leaders.

The team have discussed ways of ensuring a high level of safeguarding awareness throughout our church family. To this end, Sunday 2 July 2023 will be marked as "Safeguarding Sunday" at St Michael and All Angels.

The PCC

Membership

Members of the PCC either hold office *ex officio* or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. A small number of members may also be co-opted. Elections to the PCC confer membership for one year, with a maximum service of six consecutive years, after which members must stand down for at least one year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Ex-officio Members

Clergy	The Reverend Calum Piper	Vicar & Chairman
Churchwardens	Sue Howgego	
	Julie Sweeting	from APCM 2022
	David Walker	to APCM 2022
Reader	Mark Hackney	
Pastoral Worker	John Baker	
Deanery Synod	David Beveridge	
Representatives	Bryan Goodwin	
	Jo Oughton	
	Phil Wadsworth	
Diocesan Synod	Bob Munn	PCC Vice-Chairman

Elected Members

Frances Beards		Phil Ketteringham	from APCM 2022
Imogen Bird	to APCM 2022	Graham Knight	to APCM 2022
Glynis Brown	to APCM 2022	Andrea Millington	to APCM 2022
Robert Cryer		Tricia Munn	PCC Secretary
Georgina Foot	to APCM 2022	Sheila Newbon	
Shelagh Gall	to APCM 2022	David Taylor	
Sally Harwood		Susan Taylor	
Michael Holmes		Stuart Villard	to APCM 2022
Jill Illingworth		Ann Walker	from APCM 2022
Janet Ketteringham	from APCM 2022	Rob Watson	PCC Treasurer

Co-opted Member

Connie Lane	to 21 December 2022
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Report

The full PCC met six times during the year. The average level of attendance at meetings was 81%. Committees and working groups met between meetings, and reports of their deliberations and activities were received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

During the year the PCC received reports and discussed, among other things, the lifting of Covid restrictions, the ending of a formal link with the diocese of Newala, building a better welcome for newcomers, and the seeking for a vision for St Michael's as we would like it to be in 2030.

Committees

The PCC operates with two permanent committees, and with working groups set up to tackle any special projects or tasks. These committees and working groups meet and report as necessary to the PCC.

Standing Committee

Membership: *Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Vice-Chairman, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer*

This Committee is required by church law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It met six times during 2022, primarily to set agendas for PCC meetings.

Finance and Buildings Committee

Membership: *Bob Munn (Chairman), Vicar, Churchwardens, Rob Watson (PCC Treasurer), Hedley Smith (PCC Health, Safety & Environmental Officer), George Foot, Mike Holmes, Louise Sell, David Taylor, Ann Walker*

The overall aim of this committee is to provide and maintain the material and other resources needed to carry out God's work at St. Michael's. It is responsible for finance; care of buildings and grounds; health, safety and environmental issues; and personnel matters. It has powers delegated from the PCC to deal with smaller and more detailed matters, and it provides advice and makes recommendations to the PCC on more substantial ones, including the annual budget and reserves. It met five times during 2022. During the year we were pleased to welcome Rob Watson as the new PCC Treasurer and Ann Walker as a member.

Key events during the year were the appointment of our new Treasurer and a new finance team, the increase in fuel prices and inflation, and the completion of the Quinquennial Inspection and receipt of the report.

Details of these and other matters considered by the committee are given elsewhere in this report in the reports from the Treasurer, from the Wardens on Fabric and Ornaments, and from the Health, Safety and Environmental Officer.



Newala – Bramhall Link Group

By the beginning of 2022 the Link Group felt it had fulfilled one of its aims, which was to help complete the hostel in Mtwara, thus giving the diocese of Newala an income and enabling it to stand on its own feet to some extent. The group seemed to have become engaged simply in fundraising now, with little contact with Newala apart from through the services of Hamida Adkins.

The terms of reference for the Newala Link group had included more than fundraising, but it had been proving very hard to build up the link in a broader way; people wanting to join the group were rarely to be seen and that was a weakness. Visits had been impossible in the pandemic and would be for the foreseeable future, and so warm relationships between people were difficult to even begin, now that direct contact had been lost with most of our earlier links. After considerable discussion it was agreed by the PCC to bring to an end our formal link with the diocese of Newala, while safeguarding future funding for the porridge and water tank projects we have long supported.

A Thanksgiving Service was held on 7 August for the Newala Link and its achievements over the eleven years or so it had been operating, including friendships, visits, training priests and lots of fundraising events for many different projects. A Fundraising group was then set up by the PCC which would continue to support Newala along with other local, national and international charities.

Eco Action Group

Membership: Hamida Adkins, Frances Beards, Glynis Brown, Robert Cryer, Doreen Donnan, George Foot, Shelagh Gall, Bryan Goodwin, Sue Howgego, Sheila Newbon, Calum Piper, Louise Richardson, Helen Russ, Phil Wadsworth (Chairperson)

The PCC approved and adopted a number of eco-targets for 2022. Among those achieved were making a wildlife-friendly pond or marsh area / bog garden in the church grounds, observing Fairtrade Fortnight, running clothes swap events, holding workshops to demonstrate and encourage recycling and crafts skills, encouraging green journeys to church, asking as many of the congregation as were willing to do [various things] at home and in their daily lives, making two hedgehog 'nests' (or installing hedgehog boxes), making 'nests' for bees of solitary species, and planting summer-flowering bulbs. The target to reduce gross CO₂ emissions from the St Michael's site is currently awaiting 2022 data. The further target to install further bird boxes to bring our total to fifteen is not yet achieved.

Parish Development Group (Finance)

Membership: *Louise Richardson (chair), Sue Taylor, Ann Walker, Rob Watson and Stuart Villard.*

This group seeks to support the Parish's mission and future strategies by identifying, bidding for and securing external sources of funding to support the Parish's strategies for future development, by producing, organising and evaluating an annual programme of events and activities with the dual aim of generating income and importantly enhancing community outreach and social engagement with the Church and the wider parish, and by working with existing and potentially new church groups to co-ordinate all fund-raising activities across the church organisation, in order to reduce the possibility of event fatigue and duplication.

The group had been unsuccessful in its bid for the Micah project during 2021: the group revisited this during 2022 and deferred making a further bid for the time being. The group welcomes new members with ideas and energy for future fundraising activities. Meetings are advertised in St Michael's Today.

Electoral Roll Report

On 1 January 2022 Revision 2 of the Electoral Roll had a membership of 249, of which 183 members resided within the Parish and 66 were non-residents.

Under the Church Representation Rules, the Electoral Roll for the Church is renewed every six years and must be revised each year for presentation at the Church's APCM. Thus, Revision 3, for 2022-2023, started on 5 March 2022 and was completed on 7 May 2022.

Required changes to the Electoral Roll were presented, as Amendment Lists, at each PCC meeting. During 2022 there were 6 Amendment Lists presented - 2 for Revision 2 and, 4 for Revision 3. Those changes comprised 12 additions, 12 removals and 7 changes to members' contact details.

The annual report for 2022 thus records the Electoral Roll, as at 31st December 2022, as having a membership of 249, of which 182 members reside within the parish boundary and 67 are non-residents.

Phil Ketteringham has continued to act as Electoral Roll Officer.

Vision 2030

During 2022 the PCC spent a considerable time in three separate sessions working to draw together a vision for the church for seven years ahead. When completed it stated:

In 2030 St Michael's will be a church where:

- ***We proclaim our faith confidently***
- ***We embrace a mixed ecology of worship***
- ***Our membership is reflective of the wider Parish***
- ***Our resources are used sustainably***
- ***We serve our community actively***

The working through of this vision will be a priority in the year 2023 and beyond.

Deanery Synod

The Synod met for two formal meetings in 2022. At the first meeting, held at St Michael's in Bramhall in March, there was a presentation given by the Diocesan Environmental Forum. At the Synod in June, held at St Mary's Cheadle, a proposal from the PCC of Heald Green was discussed relating to ministry in the Church of England. This was followed by a discussion around how different parishes are enabling pastoral care to take place. The autumn synod was not a formal meeting but a training event put on by the Diocesan Everyday Faith Team, and was held at St George's, Poynton. 2022 saw the Diocesan Lay Conference take place in late March and the Clergy conference later in May. Towards the end of the year it was announced that Revd Rob Munro, Rural Dean and Rector of St Mary's Cheadle had been appointed the new Bishop of Ebbsfleet.

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford welcomed a number of new members in 2022, with new ministers arriving at Bramhall Baptist and Fords Lane. Calum was appointed as chair of Churches Together and St Michael's hosted a civic service to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth; this was an ecumenical event. The usual Good Friday walks of witness and joint act of worship took place, with a congregation visibly larger than in 2021.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires charities to report on how their activities carried out their aims for the public benefit. In reporting, the PCC has had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. During 2022 many church activities which had been suspended temporarily due to the Covid pandemic were gradually resumed.

Worship

Services are open to all, and the church is now open for private prayer and meditation on weekdays. Services have in the past been provided in local care homes and at Christmas in Bramall Hall Chapel. It is hoped to resume worship in care homes during 2023.

Occasional Offices

The church is normally used for baptisms, weddings and funerals. During 2022 there were 13 baptisms, 5 weddings, 22 funerals in church, 14 funeral services at the crematorium, and 7 burials of ashes or other committals.

Education

Contacts have been made with some local schools, and links are maintained with uniformed organisations. Learning about the Christian faith is fostered by sermons, by all-age services, by short study programmes, and by a variety of house groups, sometimes meeting digitally. Parties of local school children visit the church as part of their curriculum and are introduced to the building and the activities that go on in it. A local school sometimes borrows equipment. This work takes place in the context of our Strategy for Children and Young People.

Concerts

The church building is available for booking by organizations that present concerts and book readings. There were 13 concerts held in church during 2022, along with 3 school carol concerts.

Pastoral Care

In the past a team of volunteers has visited people in the parish who are ill or have been bereaved. Occasional lunches and short services were also provided for those who are visited and for care home residents. The clergy have visited and ministered to those in hospital or hospice. As Covid restrictions have been loosened during 2022 leading worship in local care homes has resumed.

Scouts and Guides

St Michael's sponsors the 4th Bramhall Scout Group and 4th Bramhall Guides and Brownies, each of which has a policy of open recruitment. The Scouts have their own premises, but the Guides meet in the Church Hall. Both organizations use the church grounds for outdoor activities such as games and cooking.

Active Angels

Active Angels provides activities for pre-school children with their mothers or other carers.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for hiring when not required for church use. It is often the venue for meetings of charities and other bodies, and various special events and parties.

Missions and charities

The PCC gives to missions and charities from any surplus voluntary income. Missions and charities also benefit from funds raised by special collections and fund-raising activities.

Chelwood Food Bank

A collection of food and toiletry items is made every week, normally at both morning services, and donated to this Food Bank in Stockport the following day. This collection continued throughout Covid restrictions.

Giving to Missions and Charities

The Accounts for 2021 showed a deficit, and therefore the PCC was unable to make an allocation to missions and charities directly from its funds at its first meeting after the 2022 APCM. However, during 2022 £10,000 was raised and sent to Newala, and additionally £750 was given by direct collections and sent to various charities. £1,360 was sent direct to the Children's Society from the special collection boxes. Space in the Parish Centre was provided only on 7 occasions free of charge to other organizations; this meant foregoing £850 charged at normal hire rates. With a surplus of £3.6k at the end of 2022 the PCC will be able to make an allocation to missions and charities directly from its funds at its first meeting after the 2023 APCM.

Financial Review

During 2022, the finance team changed with the stepping down of Graham Knight as treasurer after 12 years of service, and St Michael's built a new finance team to deal with the transactions and reporting of the funds associated with the running of the church and the support of Charities. Many thanks are due to Graham for his years of service and his patience during the handover.

As we entered 2022, at the end of the various lockdowns and restrictions associated with the Covid 19 pandemic, the budget set was challenging in a period of uncertainty of a return to normal life and worship. The expected shortfall for 2022 period was £7,000. During 2022, further challenges were set due to the steep price rises for energy and inflationary pressures.

Thanks to the generous donations of the congregation, cost control by the leadership team and hard work to maximise all opportunities, 2022 was closed with an actual surplus of **£3.6k**. In spite of the inflationary pressures above, the total expenditure was in line with the budget at £184.4k, but the donations exceeded expectations at £191k, which is £14k better than forecast.

Some of the donations made during 2022 period were specifically made to support the energy and inflation costs increase, which really kick in during 2023, so those gifts have been carried forward into 2023, to contribute to the challenges arising. This means that we have an operating surplus for 2022 of **£3,600**, which is indeed good news.

As we step into 2023, knowing that the cost challenges set in 2022 really begin to bite, we have set a budget which deals with significant inflationary cost increases, but we do know that the budget is signed off with a known shortfall of £17.7k. This situation shall be tackled in a similar way as 2022, but we are bold to be able to support the initiatives from the leadership team to grow the congregation and put our church at the heart of the Bramhall community.

Thanks must go to all of the finance team, to Elizabeth Beveridge, to Ann Walker, Julie Bamber, the Church office and to the Church Wardens for their ongoing support.

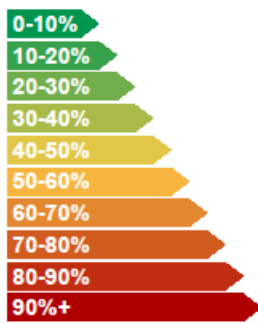
Energy Footprint Results

Carbon Footprint

	This Year	Last Year
Gross CO ₂ emissions (Tonnes) ?	31.8	40.5
Net CO ₂ emissions (Tonnes) ?	4.1	37.7
Renewables and offsets: non-accredited (tonnes)	0.0	-

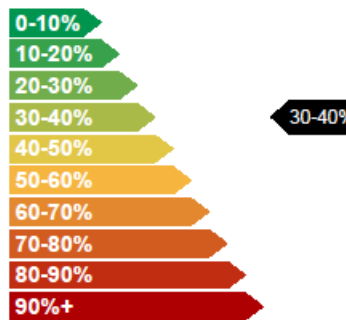
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Net CO₂ Percentile



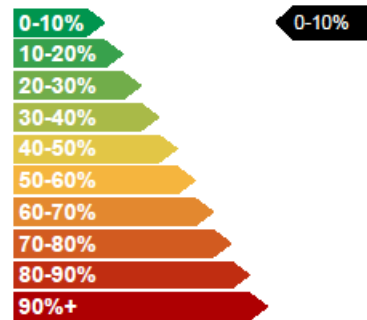
50-60%

Emissions/sq metre adjusted percentile band



30-40%

Church usage adjusted percentile band



0-10%

The three bands above are intended to give you a perspective on whether your church emits "a little" or "a lot" of carbon, taking into account the size of the building and its pattern of usage

The first figure highlights where your net footprint lies relative to other churches within the Church of England. A score of 0-10% puts you in the 10% of churches with the smallest footprint, while a score of 90%+ means you are in the 10% of churches with the largest footprint.

The second figure highlights where your net footprint lies relative to other churches once we take into account the size of the building.

The third figure highlights where your net footprint lies relative to other churches once we take into account how many people typically make use of the building, and how long the building is open for

	This Year	Last Year
CO ₂ emissions per m ² ?	5.2	61.4



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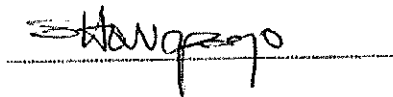
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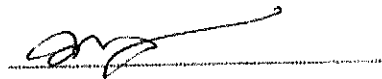
We hereby certify that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2022, as set out on pages 4 to 16, were approved at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 27th March 2023



Vicar



Church Warden



Church Warden

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

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Personal Notes

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 4 to 16

Respective responsibilities of Members and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

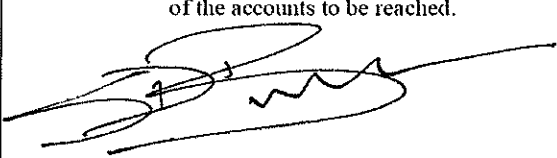
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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 section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ending 31 December 2022

	Note	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds	
						2022	2021
						£	£
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	140,398	0	0	1,388	141,786	173,633
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	22,416	0			22,416	12,430
Income from Investments	2(c)	14,243	0	99		14,342	13,690
Income from Charitable Activities	2(d)	9,799	2,393		0	12,192	9,185
Job Retention Scheme	2(e)	0				0	2,088
Total Incoming Resources		186,856	2,393	99	1,388	190,736	211,026
Resources Used							
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	3(b)	79				79	93
Charitable Activities	3(a)	179,993	2,335	15,409	10,911	208,648	192,541
Total Resources Used		180,072	2,335	15,409	10,911	208,727	192,634
Net Movement in Year		6,784	58	-15,310	-9,523	-17,991	18,392
Allocation to Missions and Charities for the Year	10	-6,784	0	0	0	-6,784	0
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		0	58	-15,310	-9,523	-24,775	18,392
Gains / Losses on Investment Valuation		-20,082				-20,082	18,583
Net Movements in Funds		-20,082	58	-15,310	-9,523	-44,857	36,975
Balances Brought Forward at 1 January		553,349	2,193	107,776	13,947	677,265	640,290
Balances Carried Forward at 31 December		533,267	2,251	92,466	4,424	632,408	677,265

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Year Ending 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £	
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	373,333	384,857	
Current Assets				
Debtors	7a	12,384	9,976	
Short Term Deposits		35,805	31,816	
Investments	7b	114,785	134,867	
Cash at Bank		128,309	129,458	
		<u>291,283</u>	<u>306,117</u>	
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year				
	8	32,208	13,709	
Net Current Assets		<u>259,075</u>	<u>292,408</u>	
Net Assets		<u>632,408</u>	<u>677,265</u>	
Funds				
Unrestricted	PCC	9	533,267	553,349
Restricted	Newala	9	4,424	13,947
	Micah Project	9	92,466	107,776
	Flower Club	9	593	535
	Church Textiles	9	1,658	1,658
			<u>632,408</u>	<u>677,265</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the SORP applicable to Churches, the Charities Act 2011, together with the applicable accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those of informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Included in the General Funds are funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC which are also unrestricted.

Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund; interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

Collections 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 only when received.

Sales of magazines, and books from the church bookstall, are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of church property is recognised on an accrual basis

Interest is accounted for when received.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for any mission are dealt with as a restricted fund. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furniture held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed

Expenditure on buildings is depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years being the useful life of the asset.

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful life of the asset. Specifically:

Chairs:	10 years
Equipment:	5 years
Restoration of Chandeliers	10 years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase value of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current Assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Funds.

Investments are cash placed in 2014 in 3 Church of England Income Investment funds, managed by CCLA, as a long term investment due to the low interest paid on normal bank deposits. The funds can be available at short notice which may result in a loss due to the valuation of the shares at the time of disposal. Dividends on the funds are paid 4 times a year, and are only accounted for when received.

Missionary and Charitable Giving

The PCC agreed to work to a balanced budget for the year and also agreed that any surplus in the year would be allocated to Missionary and Charitable giving up to £6,000. The allocation of funds will be made at the first PCC meeting following the APCM. As the PCC is in deficit for this year the allocation is nil

Capital Expenditure

No additional capital expenditure occurred in the year.

A new Storage Unit was paid for by a Personal Donation with no charge to the PCC

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	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds		Variance on 2021	
					2022 £	2021 £	Increase £	Decrease £
2 Incoming Resources								
2(a) Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving								
Gift Aid Giving	94,273				94,273	95,750		1477
Income Tax Recovered	23,471			195	23,666	24,184		518
Giving - no Gift Aid	12,638				12,638	11,261	1377	
Collections								
Normal Services	1,635				1,635	1,689		54
Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals	204				204	142	62	
Special Collections	2,044				2,044	2,059		15
Charitable Fund Raising	640				640		640	
Income Tax Recovered on Donations etc.	861				861	2,418		1557
Sundry Donations	3,316			893	4,209	33,712		29503
	<u>139,082</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,088</u>	<u>140,170</u>	<u>171,215</u>		
Legacies					0	0		
Parish Events	1,316			300	1,616	2,418		802
	<u>140,398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>141,786</u>	<u>173,633</u>		
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds								
Church Hall - Hire	20,955				20,955	10,564	10391	
Gardening	1,461				1,461	1,866		405
	<u>22,416</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,416</u>	<u>12,430</u>		
2(c) Income from Investments								
Bank & Building Society Interest	3,989		99		4,088	3,490	598	
Rent - 33 Dawlish Close	10,254				10,254	10,200	54	
	<u>14,243</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,342</u>	<u>13,690</u>		
2(d) Income from Charitable Activities								
Bookstall					0	0		
Church Hall - Hire Charges Church Groups	856				856	427	429	
Flower Club		2,393			2,393	1,633	760	
PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals, etc.	5,479				5,479	5,262	217	
Use of Church Facilities	5				5	4	1	
Donations for the use of Church	3,169				3,169	1,710	1459	
CDBF Grant					0	0		
Active Angels	290				290	149	141	
	<u>9,799</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,192</u>	<u>9,185</u>		
2(e) Job Retention Scheme								
					0	2,088		2088
Total Incoming Resources	<u>186,856</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>190,736</u>	<u>211,026</u>	<u>16129</u>	<u>36419</u>
					-20,290		-20,290	

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	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds		Variance on 2021	
					2022 £	2021 £	Increase £	Decrease £
3 Resources Used								
3(a) Charitable Activities								
Missionary and Charitable Giving (see Note 10)	2,044			10,758	12,802	10,059	2743	
Ministry								
Parish Share	96,206				96,206	94,086	2120	
Working Expenses of Incumbent	789				789	990		201
Vicarage Expenses	4,644				4,641	4,529	112	
Assistant Clergy Expenses	230				230	0	230	
Casual Duties	134				134	562		428
Pastoral Care					0	0		
Church Maintenance								
Organ	288				288	0	288	
Furniture & Fittings					0	0		
Silverware					0	0		
Heating	125				125	298		173
Electrics	2,997				2,997	3,577		580
Sound	270				270	70	200	
Building	1,463				1,463	2,755		1292
Other	3,408				3,408	4,330		922
Upkeep of Services								
Altar Requisites	74				74	144		70
Liturgical Sundries	1,685				1,685	1,263	422	
Robes					0	0		
Music	1,118				1,118	1,012	106	
Training and Education Costs								
Parish Training					0	0		
Library					0	0		
Active Angels	290				290	149	141	
Schools Ministry					0	0		
Upkeep of Churchyard								
Grounds	1,948				1,948	822	1126	
Gardening Club	1,461				1,461	1,866		405
Outreach					0	0		
CDN					0	0		
Bookstall					0	0		
C/fwd to Page 10	119,174	0	0	10,758	129,929	126,512	7,488	4,071
					3,417		3,417	

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3 Resources Used								
B/fwd, from Page 9	119,174	0	0	10,758	129,929	126,512	7,488	4,071
Parish Events	1,096				1,096	104	992	
Running Expenses								
Gas	8,112				8,112	7,098	1014	
Electricity	3,961				3,961	1,648	2313	
Insurance	5,582				5,582	5,265	317	
Depreciation	11,524				11,524	12,526		1002
Water Rates	401				401	381	20	
Hall Running Costs								
Cleaning Costs	4,603				4,603	497	4106	
Routine Maintenance & Repairs	3,097				3,097	1,489	1608	
Refreshments	390				390	269	121	
Fire	3,265				3,265	2,963	302	
Flower Club		2,335			2,335	1,633	702	
Other PCC Property								
33 Dawlish Close	1,656				1,656	2,034		378
Church Management & Administration								
Printing & Photocopying	1,898				1,898	1,654	244	
Publicity & Display Materials	316				316	312	4	
Stationery	528				528	859		331
Capital items <£1000	1,610				1,610	1,766		156
Phone, Postage, Software, etc.	2,612		516	153	3,281	3,632		351
Salaries	10,168		14,893		25,061	21,719	3342	
Graham Brown Scholarship					0	180		180
	<u>179,993</u>	<u>2,335</u>	<u>15,409</u>	<u>10,911</u>	<u>208,645</u>	<u>192,541</u>		
3(b) Costs of Generating Voluntary Income								
Thanksgiving Sunday Costs	79				79	93		14
	<u>79</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>93</u>		
Total Resources Used	<u>180,072</u>	<u>2,335</u>	<u>15,409</u>	<u>10,911</u>	<u>208,724</u>	<u>192,634</u>	<u>22,573</u>	<u>6,483</u>
					16,090		16,090	

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4 Staff Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Extracted from Resources Used (see Note 3)		
Total staff costs:	25,061	21,719

During the year the PCC paid for the services of an Organist, 2 Parish Administrators, Children and Families Worker and a Verger. None of those employed earned £40,000 or more per annum. The verger and The Children and Families Worker were also a members the PCC, the aggregate employment costs of PCC members were £16,413. The Parish Administrator post is a Job Share

5 Fixed Assets for Use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Land & Buildings		Chairs	Equipment	Total
	Dawlish Close	Parish Centre			
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Book Value					
At 1st January 2022	225,000	167,624	55,136	93,043	540,803
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Grants / Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Disposal	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
At 31st December 2022	<u>225,000</u>	<u>167,624</u>	<u>55,136</u>	<u>93,043</u>	<u>540,803</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st January 2022	0	27,605	49,830	78,511	155,946
Charge for the year	0	3,353	3,031	5,140	11,524
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 31st December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>30,958</u>	<u>52,861</u>	<u>83,651</u>	<u>167,470</u>
Net Book Value					
At 1st January 2022	<u>225,000</u>	<u>140,019</u>	<u>5,306</u>	<u>14,532</u>	<u>384,857</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>225,000</u>	<u>136,666</u>	<u>2,275</u>	<u>9,392</u>	<u>373,333</u>

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6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets	373,333		373,333	384,857
Current Assets	192,142	99,141	291,283	306,117
Current Liabilities	-32,208		-32,208	-13,709
	<u>533,267</u>	<u>99,141</u>	<u>632,408</u>	<u>677,265</u>

7a Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Income Tax Recoverable	6,249	5,787
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	6,135	4,189
	<u>12,384</u>	<u>9,976</u>

7b Investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Market Value 1st January	134,867	116,284
Revaluation gain / loss	-20,082	18,583
Market Value at 31st December	<u>114,785</u>	<u>134,867</u>

8 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2022 £	2021 £
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	32,208	13,709
	<u>32,208</u>	<u>13,709</u>

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9 Funds

Restricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31st December 2022 £
Church Textiles	1,658	0	0	1,658
Flower Club	535	2,393	2,335	593
Newala Fund	13,947	1,388	10,911	4,424
Micah Project	107,776	99	15,409	92,466
Total Restricted Funds	123,916	3,880	28,655	99,141

Church Textiles Fund (known as the Kneeler Fund until 1 January 2005) was started in 1993. During 2006 the Servers Robe Fund (also started in 1993) was combined with the Church Textiles Fund. The object of the fund is to provide for the repair and replacement of Church Textiles & Servers Robes.

The object of the Flower Fund is to provide for floral decorations within the church

The Newala Fund was started in 2010, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of a partnership link with the newly formed diocese of Newala Tanzania.

The Micah Project was started in 2020, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of the church, including employment of additional staff members

Unrestricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Recognised Gains / Loss £	Balance 31st December 2022 £
General Funds	553,349	186,856	186,856	-20,082	533,267
	<u>553,349</u>	<u>186,856</u>	<u>186,856</u>	<u>-20,082</u>	<u>533,267</u>
Total Funds	677,265	190,736	215,511	-20,082	632,408

The General Fund is available for the PCC ordinary purposes.

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10 Missionary and Charitable Giving

	2022 £	2021 £
Funded by Special Collections		
The Children's Society	1,321	1,068
Toilet Twinning	45	991
Dec Ukraine Appeal	460	
Give Hope	136	
CAP	82	
	2,044	2,059
As Newala Accounts		
Hostel	5,500	4,000
Water Harvesting Project	2,500	2,500
School Porridge	1,500	1,500
Incinerator	258	
Medicine - Action Medeora	1,000	
	10,758	8,000
Total as Page 9	12,802	10,059
To Be Allocated by New PCC	6,784	
Amounts sent Direct		
The Children's Society		
Children Society Boxes		600
Total sent Direct	0	600
Total	19,586	10,659

The sum allocated to Mission and Charities from any surplus in any year is paid out to missions and charities agreed by the PCC in the subsequent year once the accounts are approved

During 2022 The Church or Rooms were provided on a FOC basis on 7 occasions which resulted in a donation of £ 838 if charged at our normal hiring rate.

During 2021 The Church or Rooms were provided on a FOC basis on 2 occasions which resulted in a donation of £ 80 if charged at our normal hiring rate.

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11 Payments to PCC Members

Expenses paid to the clergy may contain a small element which relates to their Function as a PCC Member
No other payments were made to PCC members apart from staff costs which are disclosed under note 4

12 Newala Project	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Donations		
Personal Planned Giving	780	780
Sundry Donations		1,000
Memory of K Fenwick		10,666
	780	12,446
Events		
Lent Soup Lunch	300	
Quiz		701
Open Garden		969
Plant Sale	113	449
Produce Sale -Veg		173
Produce Sale - Marmalade		126
	413	2,418
Gift Aid Recovered on Planned Giving	195	470
Gift Aid Recovered on other Donations		1,486
	<u>1,388</u>	<u>16,820</u>
Expenditure		
Projects		
Hostel	5,500	4,000
Water	2,500	2,500
School Porridge	1,500	1,500
Action Medeor - Medicine	1,000	
Incinerator	258	
	10,758	8,000
Bank Charges	153	38
	<u>10,911</u>	<u>8,038</u>
Balance at 1st January	13,947	5,165
Balance at 31st December	<u>4,424</u>	<u>13,947</u>

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13 Micah Project	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Donations		20,000
Interest	99	3
Transfer from PCC		
	<u>99</u>	<u>20,003</u>
Expenditure		
Printing & Photocopying		
Publicity & Display Materials		
Stationery		112
Capital items < £1000		555
Phone, Postage, Software, etc.	516	561
Employment Cost	14,893	6,500
	<u>15,409</u>	<u>7,728</u>
Balance at 1st January	107,776	95,501
Balance at 31st December	92,466	107,776

Accounts



St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church

Annual Report from the PCC for 2021

Accounts for 2021

Prepared for approval at
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 8th May 2022
at 11.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre



St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

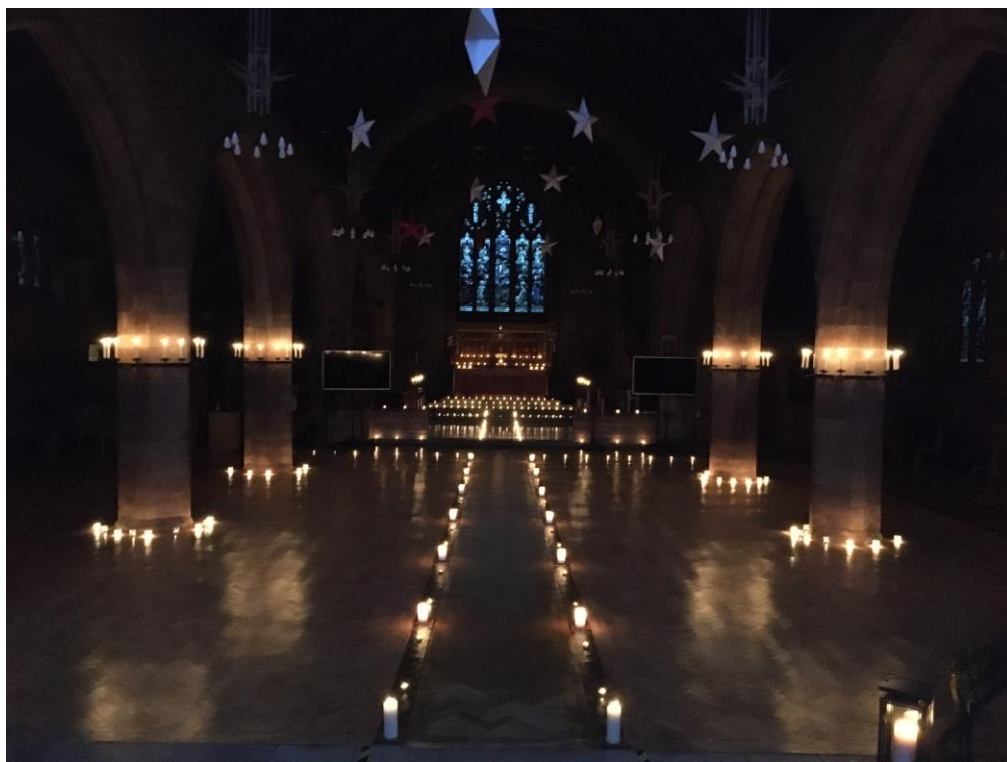
COMMUNITY

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St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has responsibility for maintaining the site and buildings that comprise St Michael and All Angels Church and Parish Centre, together with the land and grounds of the church and all other properties owned by the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Bramhall is registered with the Charity Commissioners (Registration No.) 1133883



Candlemas 2021. With the absence of chairs, we were able to make use of the space like never before.

2021



Incumbent:

The Reverend Calum Piper

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Charity Number:

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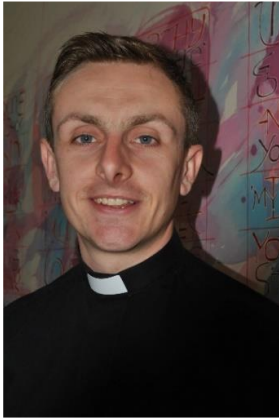
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Easter Sunday 2021
taken by Luke Sperry

Vicar's Introduction



2021 saw the continuation of the Global Coronavirus Pandemic. It would be easy to write off 2021 alongside 2020 but much still happened. The nation was plunged into its third lockdown just after Christmas 2020 and so services went back online.

Despite this there were many moments of joy throughout the year – the greatest for me however was Easter. As Epiphany moved to Lent national guidance began to show hope that singing might be able to return, albeit outdoors. This led to a plan beginning to develop for our Easter Sunday worship to take place outside. There were so many uncontrollable factors about this service, not least the weather; it seemed like a massive undertaking.

On Easter Sunday morning I woke early to discover grey skies and fine misty rain, but on checking the weather forecast for the *(I forget which number)* time I am reassured the rain will stop and the sun will appear by 10am. So set up began. The morning was fairly crisp which didn't help my fear that I would be joined by only a handful on what was slowly turning out to be a cold but glorious morning. As the countdown began to 10am, the church slowly started to arrive. By the time the first note on Jesus Christ is Risen Today rang out the front field was full of parishioners. Then for the first time in over twelve months we joined together in singing praise to God. Worship should give us a foretaste of heaven – on that Easter Morning heaven was certainly open above us.

That moment will live with me for the rest of my life; it summed up so well what it means to be a member of the church, and poignantly demonstrated the power of the resurrection. God will always overcome. Hope will always win. Joy will always break through.

It continues to be a great privilege to serve as Vicar here at St Michael's and I am indebted to many people for making it such an honour. Thank you to every single one of you. 2021 wasn't easy – in some ways it was harder than 2020, but I believe that through our faithfulness, worship and service God is leading us into a fruitful future.

This report will make clear that we have endured hard times, good times and much change throughout 2021. One of the major changes I want to remark on was of the change in Churchwardens with Sue Howgego taking over from Louise Richardson. Louise, served as Warden for six years in some of St Michael's most difficult years, and did so with enthusiasm, commitment and a smile. I am incredibly grateful to her and to Sue for willingly stepping into the breach.

The other major change has been welcoming Connie Lane as our Children and Families worker in August. It's been a delight to work alongside her and see new visions cast for our ministry to Children and Families.

In 2022 there will be more changes based on what happens next with the pandemic. My prayer is that we will continue to deepen our faith, to trust in God and to reach out to our community, offering them the hope, love and steadfastness of the Lord. Christ calls us forwards – let us follow with anticipation.

Revd Calum Piper

Churchwardens' Message

The pandemic restrictions continued throughout 2021 but despite that, there have been some positives and things will hopefully continue to improve for 2022.

Before we mention these however, we would like to say a very large "thank you" to Calum who has done so much to keep us spiritually maintained. His continued thoughts and ideas for moving St Michael's forward and embracing new methods is inspirational.

Some of the positives referred to above include the return of church groups such as the Flower Club, TGIM, the Thursday Fellowship and the welcome return of Active Angels, not forgetting the external groups, for example, Pilates, Cobra Karate and Sense. We must stress that this is not an exhaustive list.

It was such a pleasure to have the chance, again this year, to hold the Field of Light Memorial service and to re-instate the two Christingle Services.

The high-point for us has been the re-introduction of the Tea and Coffee rotas after the 10am service. We believe this was, and is, a core part of our collective community spirit.

The upkeep of the buildings required a variety of work to have been done. The Buildings section of this Report, coupled with the Health & Safety report and that of the Finance & Building Committee, will identify where work of a remedial nature has taken place.

Although the Admin Team do a brilliant job, often under very limited time constraints, they can't do everything. For St Michael's to continue to be the welcoming, inclusive and *THE* place to BELONG this can only be maintained by the help and drive of its people. The mention of BELONG-ing leads us to our Children and Families Worker, Connie Lane. Our thanks go to Connie for her initiatives and guidance in taking St Michael's into new and fresh areas of worship.

Which in turn leads us to the Clergy Covenant recently referred to and passed by the PCC in 2021. Taking care of the clergy team is so important. Without their support we will be so much the poorer; without all our support they too will be disadvantaged, limiting their drive and initiatives.

We know many of you volunteer in so many ways and we sincerely thank you for your support, BUT- there's always a 'but' – we need more people to assist us.

The Rotas have been decimated during the past year and they now need replenishing.

And, please bear in mind it is becoming imperative that we have a new Finance Team in place in 2022.

That said, we are looking forward to 2022 where we hope to see continued activity within the wider community; a return of our parishioners, especially those who have been sheltering; and an even greater sense of community at St Michael's.

Sue Howgego & David Walker
Churchwardens

Review of the Church's Year 2021

People

The year saw the sad loss of several members of the congregation, some to the Covid epidemic and some to other illnesses. Among those who died and will be sorely missed were Ian Bell, Anna Bissell, Geb Huxley, Stephen Walters and Diane Whitehead.

In August we were delighted to welcome Connie Lane as our first Children and Families Worker,

At the end of the year David Taylor retired from his much-appreciated role as maintenance man, but continued to serve as vergers and sexton. Alex Wilton moved on in order to take up the role of Organ Scholar at Manchester Cathedral. We also welcomed Hayley, who took on the role of Parish Centre cleaner.

Worship

6 January 2021 saw the whole country placed under a full lockdown once again, and the church building was closed for worship until 21 March. Worship once again went online. By Easter the church was open, with careful provision for social distancing; and other precautions, including mask-wearing. Sadly no Palm procession was possible on Palm Sunday and no foot-washing at the Maundy Thursday service. Easter Sunday attendance at an outdoor service was 152, with 142 communicants. Pentecost on 23 May was also marked with another well-attended outdoor service.

Our worship life remained committed to ensuring that there was a range of worship styles making the worship of God as accessible as possible to all, and once the church re-opened for worship three services were offered on Sundays – 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. – along with a Wednesday morning service at 10.30 a.m. In the course of the year it was possible to relax some of the restrictions imposed by Covid, and the blue chairs were re-introduced into the church. Tea and coffee after services returned and were warmly welcomed back. It has not so far proved possible to appoint an organist or Director of Music for the church, and the musical content of services has been led with recorded music.

A survey of attendance over all services in October showed an average weekly attendance of 182, with an average Sunday attendance of 126, including children. This was an increase of 14 on the previous year. During this month 60 people attended Church@Home online.

Advent attendance was 1057, including 337 attending school carol services. On Christmas Eve two Christingle services were held, with a total attendance of 240, including 98 children. Christmas Midnight Communion brought 87 worshippers, with a further 66 streaming the service from their own homes. On Christmas Day 60 people attended the 10.00a.m. service, with again 69 people streaming the service from home.

The illuminated JOY artwork outside the east wall of the church was once again admired as a way of focusing attention for passers-by during Advent and Christmas.

A Prayer Labyrinth was mowed into the church field as part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative at Pentecost, and remained there until July.

For most of the year baptisms were not possible, and a large number of families had to wait until it was safe to re-introduce them. In the latter part of the year there were eleven baptisms, mostly of children over the age of one, one of them of course our own vicarage toddler Samuel. Six weddings took place, thirteen funerals in church, twenty-one funeral services at the crematorium, and fourteen burials of ashes or simple committals.

Testimony from Megan Skinner

My husband Matt and I first got in touch with Calum in 2018 when we got engaged to book our wedding. We enjoyed chatting with Calum and the wedding was booked for the 4th April 2020. Little did we know there would be a global pandemic and the wedding was rearranged twice - firstly to the 9th April 2021 and then the 6th August 2021.

In the spring of 2020, Calum invited us to do the alpha course (remotely because of covid). I'd grown up going to church but for years my faith had been distant. About four months before Calum invited us to do the course, I'd been feeling a strong sense of wanting to explore my faith, so the invite came at the right time! Matt and I really enjoyed the course and my faith was fully reignited.

When we were able to (when the covid restrictions changed) we started to attend the evening service at St Michael's. We really enjoy going to this service due to the friendly and relaxed atmosphere and contemporary feel - everyone has been so welcoming and you really feel as though you are part of something special.

Despite the long wait, the wedding on the 6th August was everything we wanted it to be and so much more. The service was beautiful - and we are so thankful to Calum for all the work he put in - he also supported us through all the rearrangements and throughout our journey of faith. We'd also like to thank David Taylor, Val Huxley and the incredible flower team who helped to make the service and the day extra special!



The Flower Club had a quiet year but whenever possible they arranged altar flowers, especially those done in memory of loved ones. They were unable to do anything for Easter but hope that 2022 will be back to normal and they can respond by arranging Easter lilies as in past years. They arranged flowers for seven weddings, and Patronal and Harvest were done on a smaller scale. They were determined to do their very best for Christmas, and feel that what was achieved was one of their best efforts. Excitingly, six weddings and a blessing are already booked for the coming year. The Club currently has twenty-one flower members and one very important tea and coffee maker, and always welcomes new members

Under the leadership of Head Server Phil Wadsworth the Serving Team was fully active again from April onwards, when changes to Covid-19 restrictions allowed serving to resume. Additional members of the team are always welcome.

Those who look after the silver and altar linen have continued to be fully active when possible.

A collection of food and toiletry items continued to be made during the various Covid restrictions, and was donated to Chelwood Food Bank in Stockport. The congregation continues to give generously.

Testimony from Jenny Gallimore

We were due to have our daughter, Hannah, baptised in 2020. Covid, of course, had other ideas! Eventually we managed to have her baptism in October 2021, when Hannah was two and a half years old.

What can I say? It was worth the wait! We had such a wonderful day with all of our family and felt so welcomed by everyone at church. It was lovely that our eldest, Luke, was able to help pour the water into the font. He was so excited that he couldn't keep still or stop dancing around! Hannah's baptism meant so much to all of our family, and we would like to thank everyone who made it possible (especially Calum, Chris and Sally).

The day was full of joy, and I felt a renewed sense of closeness to God through Hannah's baptism. We are so very grateful - thank you to all at St Michael's for being such a lovely, welcoming church!



Discipleship

During Lent in 2021 the Vicar led two study groups on Zoom, each focussing on the book "Living His Story: Revealing the Extraordinary Love of God in Ordinary Ways".

Despite Covid the Thursday Fellowship, led by Andrea Millington, continued throughout 2021 to follow their study guide, delivered monthly to each home. Those with internet then submitted comments on the discussion points and these were printed and circulated along with the next session's notes. This was the very best they felt they could achieve in difficult circumstances and it helped to retain the sense of fellowship as a group. Sadly they lost two members through the death after long illness of Diane Whitehead and the relocation to Chester of Nina Hawkins. Their contribution will be very much missed. The group is now able to resume meeting together in person and look forward to continuing themed Bible study and discussion: new members are always welcome.

The Doorway house group continued to meet fortnightly on Monday evenings, mostly via Zoom, with some autumn meetings in the Parish Centre Lounge. New members have been warmly welcomed.

The Vicar led a Bible study group each Wednesday afternoon throughout the year via Zoom, and the Library, based in the Lounge, continued to resource the congregation once the Parish Centre reopened.

Ministry to Younger Generations

Connie Lane was appointed as our Children & Families Worker in August 2021, with a mission to deepen and develop our relationships with the three primary schools in our parish, not excluding other schools who serve the people of Bramhall; to resource the church in connecting with our established play groups with new talent, resources, and energy; and to establish a children's ministry alongside our weekly worship, which would be a place where particularly young children feel safe, included and passionate about the love God has for them.

By the end of the year considerable progress could be seen:

- the number of regularly attending families at church services had quadrupled.
- Active Angels had been relaunched under the leadership of Jenny Gallimore, and by the end of the year it was regularly welcoming fifty children, with more families joining every week.
- all but one of our baptism families had returned to church after the baptism service.
- plans for the launch of "Buds", a new imagining of Young Church, and "Belong", all-age worship on third Sundays at 10.00 a.m., were ready to launch in the beginning of 2022.
- plans were underway for Easter and the rest of 2022, with lots of school engagement and family involvement.



Festival 2023

The planning group involved in the Wonderland event finally met for a debrief in October 2021, only 19 months late!! A decision was taken by the group to hold one last Festival, in 2023, around the story of the Wizard of Oz, and they met to watch the original film starring Judy Garland just before Christmas. The date of the Festival will be 6-12 February 2023, assuming that there are no restrictions on gathering. Sue Taylor and Julie Sweeting will be coordinating the festival, and monthly planning meetings are underway, in the hope that the Festival will go ahead. However, the group is very aware that that could change!

The Mill

The ecumenical youth space The Mill is a registered charity started in 2000 by Churches Together in Bramhall. Its premises are at 42A Bramhall Lane South and it is open after school 3 days a week and Saturdays. Two part-time youth leaders organise the sessions alongside some volunteers who manage the kitchen and help with sessions. During 2021 youth leader Rosie left for fulltime work; however, Sharon is now working alongside Ian, running the sessions and planning new projects and ways of engaging our young people of Bramhall, Woodford and neighbouring areas.

Like many institutions, the Mill had to close at times owing to pandemic restrictions, but Zoom kept the trustee meetings going and social media was used to some extent by the youth leaders. Since September the Mill has been open fully and gradually the sessions have become populated by cheerful and bright young people happy to be able to meet together (even if it has been behind a mask). Prayer and perseverance were needed during lockdown and during the days when no-one turned up for sessions; however, The Mill is now extremely popular at some sessions and its future looks good.

Significant funding from local sources in recent years has been lost, but a bid to the National Lottery Community Fund called "The Mill – after Covid – Stronger" produced £9900 for running costs and new leaflets. It costs approximately £45,000 a year to run The Mill. A further bid to Morrison's Foundation produced £1000 for gaming equipment. A fund-raising concert will be held at St Michael's in May.

Schools

The church continued to maintain good relationships with Moss Hey, Pownall Green, Valley and Ladybrook Primary Schools. This year we had to restrict much of our normal interaction with schools, but videos entitled "Church Explained" were created by Connie Lane and the Vicar and welcomed by schools.

An "Experience Christmas" event planned for December for primary schools was sadly cancelled because of the high rates of Covid infection at the time.

St Michael's now has a presence in Bramhall High School and we are helping the Christians in Schools Trust to run a lunch club there. We will also be accompanying The Message into the High School when they cover some PHSE lessons in 2022.

Brownies & Rainbows

The 11th Bramhall Rainbows started back meeting in April, mostly outside when the weather was good. Some of the activities were the Frog trail in Stockport and a Bramall Park night walk followed by a barbecue. At Christmas they went to Middleton to watch Treasure Island pantomime.

4th Bramhall Brownies stayed with online activities until May, including a virtual escape room, a mindfulness session, Zumba, making cakes in a mug and a magician; they were even introduced to a fox! For Thinking Day there was a trail around Bramhall. Face to face meetings resumed outside in May, playing lots of games (parachute photo) and making fairy gardens.

St Michael's Guides

2021 saw the continuation of meetings by Zoom which sadly resulted in losing a few Guides from the Unit: some were reaching the end of their time with us anyway and some found they had Zoom fatigue! However, it was fantastic to see everyone once we were able to meet face to face again and we had a super summer of outdoor activities including night hikes, camp fires and getting to know each other again. We ended the summer with a hike through Lyme Park to the GG campsite at Seven Springs where the youngest girls (and our new leader in training) made their promise.

The autumn term saw a return to "normality" and even though numbers were reduced (we now only have 9 girls with us, but this is a problem for all of GirlGuiding UK) the unit has become very close, and the older girls have been very welcoming and supportive to the new girls. The girls made "apples" with papier maché over a couple of weeks which were then painted and attached to a tree, along with pledges and memorable messages they wrote to themselves. We then planted a real tree in the St Michael's orchard.

As a Christmas treat, we made pizzas at Piccolino's restaurant, and our District Commissioner joined us and presented a very special award to our young leader, Abby Baxter, who is a key member of our leadership team.

Overall it was a really good year for the Unit, and with a bit of luck 2022 will be even better!



4th Bramhall (St Michael's) Scouts

By the end of 2021 Scouting was returning to normal, with group activities and camps planned. The group celebrated its 60th year with a barbecue, presentation evening, and new church badge. A set of previous Scout and church badges was presented to the church for display. Chief Scout, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards have been achieved by the young people, and Leaders have also been recognised with awards - Woodbadge, Years of Service Award, Commissioner's Commendation and Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.

A replacement bell has been installed in the Scout Hut; it is rung at the end of each flagdown for a moment's prayer and thoughts. The original, from when the Hut first opened, had gone missing over the years. The Group have also funded a defibrillator, now installed outside the Hut for the use of the local community.

The Scout group continues to grow, with new youth members joining and moving up through the sections; it could always take more leaders.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care of our church members is of course the duty of us all and this is mostly covered very well by groups within the church, such as the Mothers' Union. Careful preparation and care was offered throughout the year to those involved in funerals, and resumed in the second part of the year for those requesting baptism and weddings. Our Pastoral Workers Andrea Millington and John Baker have made contact with members who are no longer actively involved or who may be ill or lonely and especially during Covid have been feeling isolated. They visit at times of special need eg bereavement or a family issue, or when life feels difficult, and a confidential conversation might help. During Covid it has sometimes been difficult to meet in person but phone contact has been helpful.

Fellowship

Despite the lockdown and general restrictions, 2021 saw continued fellowship within church activities and organisations.

Mothers' Union Committee members worked hard during the year to maintain contact with members, undertaking phone calls, visits and deliveries of MU matter. The group met in church for the May Wave of Prayer, led for the last time by the joint leader, Diane Whitehead, who sadly died in December. Meetings re-commenced in September and people have been welcomed back to in-person meetings.

During the early part of the year some of the Arts and Crafts Experience (ACE) group were able to keep in contact via Zoom sessions, though this was not really conducive to teaching and sharing skills. However we were able to show each other some of what we were getting on with at home. ACE sessions in the Hall restarted in July, but the numbers attending have diminished. The pattern of sessions has now changed from alternate Thursdays to 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays, with the latter being an extended session and including a "faith lunch". One of the more interesting and unusual activities was making 'gelli plates' from gelatine and glycerine and in subsequent sessions learning how to print with them. Great fun! Another was embroidering on voiles, and making some into cards with some gelli-printed frames! To learn more, do come along to ACE.

The Thank God It's Monday (TGiM) group for men resumed its Monday meetings in the autumn.

Buildings

(incorporating fabric and ornaments report)

Any building the size of St Michael's requires maintenance and attention, and considerable work has gone on in 2021. The Wardens report that during the year there have been two safety checks of the Fire Alarm system, along with an Energy Audit to see where savings might be made. As part of a five year electrical test requirement the old asbestos-lined fuse and distribution boards were replaced with a modern RCD trip switch distribution board. Steeplejacks were engaged to climb the roof of the tower in order to paint the louvred fascia of the bell housing, to repair the weather vane, and to repair the lightning strip, which had sheared. Over the year the Wardens carried out a thorough review and updating of the Terrier, a document which records all the fixtures and fittings of the church. After one boiler broke down the Parish Centre boilers have both been replaced and are now more easily controllable. The patio outside the Hall has been made level and safe. A survey shows that our numerous trees remain in good shape, but they still need regular attention. The uneven crazy paving in the memorial garden has been replaced by gravel and the drainage there has been improved.



Gardeners Trip to RHS Bridgewater



Flowers blooming around St Michaels

Gardening

Work has continued to maintain the church grounds throughout 2021, weeding, hoeing and digging. Several projects have been achieved. One was the making of leaf litter bins for the large volume of leaves that fall in autumn. They are situated at the side of the orchard and have been surrounded by a deadwood fence that has also been created by the gardeners. The pathway in the memorial garden had become very uneven due to the tree roots and we were concerned that it presented a trip hazard. The paving was removed by an outside contractor and it has been replaced by gravel, with added drainage. Hopefully this will provide a much safer and more presentable space.

Despite the intention not to expand the flowerbeds, the gardening team moved onto the Robins Lane bed outside the hall. This has been planted up with bulbs, hellebores and ferns, and more planting will be added throughout 2022.

In August the team visited the gardens at RHS Bridgewater. They are very different from the church gardens but plenty to see and to gain inspiration. Visits to plant auctions have continued to raise money to continue to improve the gardens.

Health and Safety

Weekly fire alarm zone tests for the Hall were carried out throughout the year, as was a monthly functional emergency lighting test for the Hall, together with an annual one-hour test to prove the lighting will function on the battery back-up system to enable safe evacuation. Following much discussion with regard to the deluge of rainwater periodically pouring from the south porch roof, a cost-effective and successful alternative to the architect's suggestion was installed. The south porch steps were reconfigured so that there are now equal height steps, and the patio flagstones edging onto the lawn outside the Hall were levelled off to remove the trip hazard that had become apparent. Following an inspection of the electrical system in the basement, we were advised to install a new system as the existing one was approximately 75 years old, and this work has now been completed. Following much work on the church drainage system over the last couple of years a drains matrix has been created clearly showing which manhole cover is for which system. The soffits and bargeboards associated with the Hall have been noted as requiring treatment; this work will be carried out by a contractor in the spring.

Safeguarding

The Parish Safeguarding Lead role changed during the year to Louise Sell, who with Sue Taylor (adults' lead) and Sheila Collins (children's lead) makes up the new Parish Safeguarding team. The team meet regularly. They have reviewed the safeguarding training required for those with roles at St Michael's, from basic awareness for all PCC members, to foundation levels for those with specific roles with children and vulnerable adults in the church, and leadership level for clergy and the Parish Safeguarding Lead. They have established a central record of all training and DBS checks required and completed. The team are working with the Churchwardens and Vicar to ensure updated guidance and requirements from Chester Diocese are implemented and that new and revised parish policies are consistent with good safeguarding practice. They work closely with the Children and Families Worker to ensure all safeguards are in place.



The view East from the top of the tower.

The PCC

Membership

Members of the PCC either hold office *ex officio* or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. A small number of members may also be co-opted. Elections to the PCC confer membership for one year, with a maximum service of six consecutive years, after which members must stand down for at least one year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC.

Ex-officio Members

Clergy	The Reverend Calum Piper	Vicar & Chairman
Churchwardens	Sue Howgego	from APCM 2021
	Louise Richardson	to APCM 2021
	David Walker	
Reader	Mark Hackney	
Pastoral Worker	John Baker	
Deanery Synod	David Beveridge	
Representatives	Bryan Goodwin	
	Jo Oughton	
	Phil Wadsworth	
Diocesan Synod	Bob Munn	PCC Vice-Chairman

Elected Members

Hamida Adkins	to APCM 2021	Sue Howgego	to APCM 2021
Frances Beards		Jill Illingworth	
Imogen Bird		Janet Ketteringham	to APCM 2021
Glynis Brown		Graham Knight	PCC Treasurer
Robert Cryer		Andrea Millington	
Pauline D'Souza	to APCM 2021	Tricia Munn	PCC Secretary
Doreen Donnan	to APCM 2021	Sheila Newbon	
Fred Donnan	to APCM 2021	Louise Sell	
Georgina Foot		David Taylor	from APCM 2021
Shelagh Gall		Susan Taylor	
Sally Harwood		Stuart Villard	
Michael Holmes		Georgia Watson	to APCM 2021
		Rob Watson	

Co-opted Member

Connie Lane from September 2021

Report

The full PCC met six times during the year, the first four times via Zoom. The average level of attendance at meetings was 79%. Committees and working groups met between meetings, via Zoom for much of the year, and reports of their deliberations and activities were received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

During the year the PCC received reports and discussed, among other things, the closure and re-opening of the church, the resumption of communion in both kinds, the resumption of baptism services, and the Clergy Wellbeing Covenant. The PCC also affirmed "that children are part of the community of St Michael's, and [it] welcomes them unreservedly and wholeheartedly in Services, as part of their growth as disciples of Jesus".

Committees

The PCC operates with two permanent committees, and with working groups set up to tackle any special projects or tasks. These committees and working groups meet and report as necessary to the PCC.

Standing Committee

Membership: Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Vice-Chairman, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer

This Committee is required by church law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It met four times during 2021, primarily to set agendas for PCC meetings.

Finance and Buildings Committee

Membership: Bob Munn (Chairman), Vicar, Churchwardens, Graham Knight (PCC Treasurer), Hedley Smith (PCC Health & Safety Officer), George Foot, Mike Holmes, Peter Pugh (co-opted), Louise Sell, David Taylor

The overall aim of this committee is to provide and maintain the material resources needed to carry out God's work at St. Michael's. It is responsible for finance, care of buildings and grounds, health, safety and environmental issues, and personnel matters. It has powers delegated from the PCC to deal with smaller and more detailed matters, and it provides advice and makes recommendations to the PCC on more substantial ones, including the annual budget. It met five times during 2021. We were pleased to welcome Louise Sell as a member and to welcome David Taylor back after a 'fallow year'.

The coronavirus pandemic continued to affect income during the year, though hirings in the Parish Centre picked up later. Planned giving again held up well, but was adversely affected by a continuing sad toll of deaths among the congregation (three-quarters of whom are aged over 70), while other givers have moved away. As a result, the budget recommended to the PCC for 2022 provides for continuing reductions in income leading to a year-end deficit.

Around our buildings and grounds, after the work to stop water overshooting the gutters on the south porch during heavy rainfall, we may need to do the same on the north side. The Church and Parish Centre electrical systems have been thoroughly checked, updated, documented and certified. A survey of energy use has shown where we might achieve some modest savings. Meanwhile, the Parish Centre boilers have been replaced and are now more easily controllable. The patio outside the Hall has been made level and safe. A survey shows that our numerous trees remain in good shape, but they still need regular attention.

During the year, all four remaining banks in Bramhall closed. Our accounts at two of them remain accessible, and some banking facilities are available at Bramhall Post Office, but in-person banking now has to be conducted at branches some miles away.

Young Generations Action Group

Membership: Jo Oughton (Chair), Revd Calum Piper, Churchwardens, other church members with a passion for children, family and youth ministry

This group aims to:

- Implement a strategic plan for children and young people previously agreed by the PCC
- Encourage St Michael's in the stimulation of faith among the young people of Bramhall
- Set goals for the church each academic year for engaging with families and children
- Listen to the needs of families and young people in our church and community

Plans for 2021 were to look at provision for children and families in Sunday worship, explore possibilities for reaching out to schools, develop the Zoom youth group, and continue to sustain and nurture relationships with the uniformed organisations and the Mill. Unfortunately the pandemic put paid to much of our youth work in 2021, with the important exception of the appointment of a Children and Families Worker in August.

Newala – Bramhall Link Group

Membership: Open to all with a concern for our link with the Diocese of Newala in Tanzania – at least twenty people from the congregation assist in planning and mounting events

In 2021 Moyra Cryer had a dream that she should walk the distance between Mtwara and Newala to raise funds for the hostel that the church was building in Newala. She was accompanied every day on the walk by Hamida Adkins and on other days by various other people. They walked over 90 miles (slightly more than they had set out to do) and raised a total of £11,227. Patrick Fenwick also raised £875 towards the hostel, making a total amount raised of £12,102, which has enabled the hostel building to be completed. This means that the diocese of Newala will be able to welcome guests and to have an income. It was a project important to Keith Fenwick and honours his memory.

Sheila Newbon held another successful open garden event which raised £968.50, and further sums were raised by the produce stall led by Bob Cryer and by plant sales led by Pauline D'Souza.

St Michael's continued to support the porridge project and the water tank project, and money was also sent to help rebuild the dispensary at Luatala. The money is being sent via a charity based in Germany that buys medicines for the dispensary to use



The Nativity Service



Harvest Thanksgiving



Baby Loss Awareness Wave of Light



New Handing for Passiontide

Eco Action Group

Membership: *Hamida Adkins, Frances Beards, Glynis Brown, Robert Cryer, Doreen Donnan, George Foot, Shelagh Gall, Bryan Goodwin, Sue Howgego, Sheila Newbon, Calum Piper, Louise Richardson, Helen Russ, Phil Wadsworth (Chairperson)*

St Michael's received the Eco Church UK Silver Award this year. In addition to making the Award, Eco Church UK commented that it was impressed by what had been achieved to date. We also received Fairtrade's 'Place of Worship' Award; we continue to work to promote Fairtrade's work and values, and to use its products ourselves.

Rather than just celebrating harvest, we introduced observance of the four main observances of the 'green' year – Plough Sunday, Rogation Sunday, Lammass Day, and Harvest Thanksgiving – adapting them from their agricultural roots to give them relevant expression in a modern sub-urban parish.

We participated in the national observance of 'Climate Sunday' on 5 September. Later in the month, on our Patronal Festival, St Michael's hosted the inaugural Service for the 'Week of Prayer for our Planet', a Greater Manchester Churches Together initiative focusing, in the run-up to COP26, on the climate and ecological emergencies.

The continuing restrictions and associated problems caused by the pandemic prevented the achievement of all the Eco-Targets set for 2021.

Parish Development Group (Finance)

Membership: *Louise Richardson (chair), Sue Taylor, Ann Walker, Rob Watson and Stuart Villard.*

This group seek to support the Parish's mission and future strategies by identifying, bidding for and securing external sources of funding to support the Parish's strategies for future development, by producing, organising and evaluating an annual programme of events and activities with the dual aim of generating income and importantly enhancing community outreach and social engagement with the Church and the wider parish, and by working with existing and potentially new church groups to co-ordinate all fund-raising activities across the church organisation, in order to reduce the possibility of event fatigue and duplication. During 2021 the Group developed a Legacy Policy and Leaflet for distribution, worked with the Vicar to develop Job Descriptions and Person Specifications for a Children and Families Worker, a Youth Worker and a Community Worker as part of the Micah Project, successfully sought support from PCC to commit significant funding from Reserves to the Micah Project and developed a revised Reserves Policy agreed by the PCC, appointed Connie Lane as Children and Families Worker, and continued to seek additional funding for the Micah Project

Electoral Roll Report

On 1st January 2021 Revision 1 of the Electoral Roll showed a membership of 257, of which 190 members resided within the Parish and 67 were non-residents.

Under the Church Representation Rules, the Electoral Roll for the Church is renewed every six years and must be revised each year for presentation at the Church's APCM. Thus, Revision 2, for 2021-2022, started on 2nd February 2021 and was completed on 2nd April 2021.

Any changes to the Electoral Roll are presented, as Amendment Lists, at each PCC meeting. During 2021 there were 5 Amendment Lists thus presented, two for Revision 1 and three for Revision 2. Those changes comprised 6 additions, 14 removals and 15 changes to members' contact details.

The Electoral Roll on 31st December 2021 records a membership, of 249 (183 resident within the parish boundary and 66 non-resident).

Phil Ketteringham has continued to act as Electoral Roll Officer.

Deanery Synod

Cheadle Deanery Synod met three times in 2021. At the March meeting (held on Zoom) the Synod considered the Clergy Wellbeing Covenant which had been approved by General Synod, whilst also arranging elections for the Deanery Standing, Finance and Pastoral Committee. The June meeting (again held on Zoom) received the results of elections to Diocesan Synod and received a presentation about Festival Manchester from Daniel Eduardo. The October meeting took place at All Hallows Cheadle in a Hybrid format, with some members appearing on Zoom. The Synod was joined by Revd Peter Froggatt, Director of Outreach for the Diocese who led a discussion on the church's recovery from the pandemic.

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford

The leaders of the Churches in Bramhall continued to meet together throughout the year, with a number of these meetings taking place on Zoom. Ford's Lane hosted a hybrid service on Good Friday, and Praise in the Park took place in July at Bramall Hall. There was a gathering in September to bid farewell to Jonathan Dawson, pastor of Ford's Lane.



Remembrance Sunday



The Easter Tomb

Clergy Well-Being Covenant

At its meeting on 30 June 2021 the PCC discussed an important matter referred to them by the Deanery Synod, that of the importance of supporting and promoting the well-being of our clergy. After discussion and prayer the following was agreed at the meeting on 21 September.

In this Covenant 'we' includes clergy, those in other specific roles and positions whether licensed or internal, and all other members of St Michael's. We recognise that working to ensure the wellbeing of our clergy necessarily is set in the context of seeking the wellbeing of all members of St Michael's. We will express this by applying appropriate sections of this Covenant to our interactions with others in general.

We will work to promote and maintain the shared ministry that comes from communally and individually practising Discipleship. As part of our expression of this we will –

- promote a culture of positivity: while allowing for legitimate criticism when necessary, we will actively discourage negative and personal comments, 'whispers in corners', etc;
- encourage everyone to engage in good communications – in terms of content, style, and manner;
- seek in all situations to be kind (as distinct from nice);
- encourage everyone in a culture of avoiding immediate responses (except where obviously necessary) – next day allows time for reflection, gentler ways to phrase things, etc.;
- work collaboratively.

Noting the successful model of Baptism ministry we will recognise other areas of church life where delegation and sharing, in terms agreed by the Vicar, already obtains, and seek other areas to which it might be applied. We will encourage the Vicar to delegate more, where appropriate, and recognising that volunteering is the key to this we will –

- make volunteering a standard part of the St Michael's culture, and individually consider whether we are able to do so when requests are made. In doing this we will individually recognise that, while some tasks are suitable for anyone willing to undertake them, some roles will require discernment of those called to fulfil them;
- undertake any instruction and/or training necessary to fulfil a role we are asked to undertake;
- ensure we liaise with the Vicar and keep him fully informed, and maintain awareness of the limits of delegation he sets;
- set up on computer a Skills Database to assist task and volunteer assignment.

Noting that diocesan provision for clergy support may be introduced following the appointment of new Bishops, meanwhile we will pay for the Vicar to have support by having a monthly appointment with an extra-parochial professional counsellor (or a quarterly two-day 'retreat').

We recognise that we all have a part in ensuring that the Vicar's day off and Bank Holidays are respected by everyone and in all circumstances (except for pastoral emergencies). We will when necessary advocate for the Vicar with those who do not understand his workload and work pattern.

We will look out for and offer to do tasks that could readily be done by someone else but which the Vicar does 'because he lives next door'.

If asked, we will assist with the Vicar's work planning so he has rhythm and structure in his life.

We will apply these principles to other clergy ministering at St Michael's as appropriate to their circumstances and as agreed by the Vicar.

We will review our working of this Covenant at annual intervals.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires charities to report on how their activities carried out their aims for the public benefit. In reporting, the PCC has had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. During 2021 many church activities were suspended temporarily due to the Covid pandemic.

Worship

Services are open to all, and in normal times the church is open for private prayer and meditation on weekdays, though during the periods of lockdown and other restrictions this was restricted to specific weekdays or stopped entirely. Services are also normally provided in local care homes and at Christmas in Bramall Hall Chapel.

Occasional Offices

The church is normally used for baptisms, weddings and funerals. During 2021 there were 11 baptisms, 6 weddings, 13 funerals in church, 21 funeral services at the crematorium, and 14 burials of ashes or other committals.

Education

Contacts have been made with some local schools, and links are maintained with uniformed organisations. Learning about the Christian faith is fostered by sermons, by all-age services, by short study programmes, and by a variety of house groups, in the last year often meeting digitally. In normal years parties of local school children visit the church as part of their curriculum and are introduced to the building and the activities that go on in it. A local school sometimes borrows equipment. This work takes place in the context of our Strategy for Children and Young People.

Concerts

The church building is available for booking by organizations that present concerts and book readings. Because of the pandemic there were only 3 concerts held in church during 2021.

Pastoral Care

A team of volunteers visits people in the parish who are ill or have been bereaved. Occasional lunches and short services are also provided for those who are visited and for care home residents. The clergy visit and minister to those in hospital or hospice. Much of this activity was suspended during the first part of 2021, but a network of pastoral care kept parishioners in touch with one another by telephone.

Scouts and Guides

St Michael's sponsors the 4th Bramhall Scout Group and 4th Bramhall Guides and Brownies, each of which has a policy of open recruitment. The Scouts have their own premises, but the Guides meet in the Church Hall. Both organizations use the church grounds for outdoor activities such as games and cooking.

Active Angels

With some restrictions lifted Active Angels was able to re-start in September 2021 to provide activities for pre-school children with their mothers or other carers.

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for hiring when not required for church use. In the early part of the year it is often the venue for meetings of several charities and other bodies, and various special events and parties. The Covid pandemic severely restricted such events in the first months of 2021.

Missions and charities

The PCC gives to missions and charities from any surplus voluntary income. Missions and charities also benefit from funds raised by special collections and fund-raising activities.

Chelwood Food Bank

A collection of food and toiletry items is made every week, normally at both morning services, and donated to this Food Bank in Stockport the following day. This collection continued throughout Covid restrictions.

Giving to Missions and Charities

The Accounts for 2020 showed a deficit, and therefore the PCC was unable to make an allocation to missions and charities directly from its funds at its first meeting after the 2020 APCM. However, during the year £8,000 was raised and sent to Newala, and additionally £2,058 was given by direct collections and sent to various charities. £600 was sent direct to the Children's Society from the special collection boxes. Due to Covid restrictions space was provided only on two occasions free of charge to other organizations; this meant foregoing £80 charged at normal hire rates.

Financial Review

We must be thankful to God for all the many blessings received during another most difficult year as Covid-19 again led to restrictions on attending Church and using the premises.

During 2021 the PCC day-to-day activities resulted in income of £172,570 and expenditure of £175,235, leading to a deficit of £2,665. Compared with a deficit of £12,290 in 2020, this represents a good result, better than forecast in the budget for 2021.

Compared with 2020, the day-to-day PCC income increased by £3,864. Among the increases were Planned Giving & Collections £7,715 (reflecting renewed commitment from the congregation), Tax Recovered £1,920, Hall Hire £3,226, Concert Hire £1,086 and PCC Fees £1,627, while among the decreases were Special Collections £2,772, Job Retention £5,407 and Diocesan Grant £3,870. The day-to-day PCC expenditure decreased by £5,761 when compared with 2020. Increases including New Electrical Distribution Boards £3,556, South Porch £1,530 and Paving & Paths £2,304 were offset by decreases including Grounds £2,002, Outreach £3,871, Hall Cleaning £1,579, Routine Maintenance £1,222 and Salaries £4,628.

At the end of the year, the total value of the PCC's assets (which include the property it owns) was £677,265, an increase of £36,975 on 2020. This included an increase of £18,583 in the value of the funds the PCC holds with CCLA (which manages investments for the Church of England). The Micah Project received a donation of £20,000 and started spending on its activities, with a surplus of £12,275 on the year, while the Newala Project received donations of £11,666, with its continuing activities yielding a surplus of £8,782 on the year. Both projects use restricted funds that cannot be put to other purposes.

No Capital Expenditure was undertaken by the PCC during 2021, but the Bramhall Parish Hall Trust paid for new Gas Boilers to serve the Hall.

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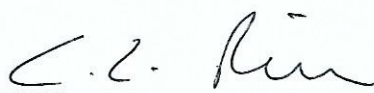
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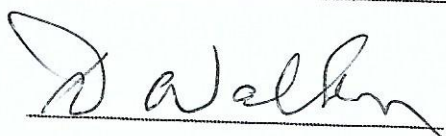
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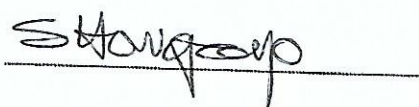
We hereby certify that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2021, as set out on pages 4 to 16, were approved at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 23rd March 2022



Vicar



Church Warden



Church Warden

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

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Personal Notes

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall,
Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on pages 4 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of Members and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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 section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ending 31 December 2021

	Note	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds	
						2021	2020
						£	£
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	136,813	0	20,000	16,820	173,633	162,036
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	2,293	0			2,293	8,518
Income from Investments	2(c)	13,687	0	3		13,690	13,150
Income from Charitable Activities	2(d)	17,689	1,633		0	19,322	8,489
Job Retention Scheme	2(e)	2,088				2,088	7,495
Total Incoming Resources		172,570	1,633	20,003	16,820	211,026	199,688
Resources Used							
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	3(b)	93				93	214
Charitable Activities	3(a)	175,142	1,633	7,728	8,038	192,541	188,588
Total Resources Used		175,235	1,633	7,728	8,038	192,634	188,802
Net Movement in Year		-2,665	0	12,275	8,782	18,392	10,886
Allocation to Missions and Charities for the Year	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		-2,665	0	12,275	8,782	18,392	10,886
Gains / Losses on Investment Valuation		18,583				18,583	8,578
Net Movements in Funds		15,918	0	12,275	8,782	36,975	19,464
Balances Brought Forward at 1 January		537,431	2,193	95,501	5,165	640,290	620,826
Balances Carried Forward at 31 December		553,349	2,193	107,776	13,947	677,265	640,290

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Year Ending 31 December 2021

		Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets		5	384,857	397,383
Current Assets				
Debtors		7a	9,976	9,692
Short Term Deposits			31,816	28,329
Investments		7b	134,867	116,284
Cash at Bank			129,458	101,589
			<u>306,117</u>	<u>255,894</u>
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year				
		8	13,709	12,987
Net Current Assets				
			<u>292,408</u>	<u>242,907</u>
Net Assets				
			<u>677,265</u>	<u>640,290</u>
Funds				
Unrestricted	PCC	9	553,349	537,431
Restricted	Newala	9	13,947	5,165
	Micah Project	9	107,776	95,501
	Flower Club	9	535	535
	Church Textiles	9	1,658	1,658
			<u>677,265</u>	<u>640,290</u>

Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ending 31 December 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the SORP applicable to Churches, the Charities Act 2011, together with the applicable accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those of informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Included in the General Funds are funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC which are also unrestricted.

Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund; interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

Collections 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 only when received.

Sales of magazines, and books from the church bookstall, are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of church property is recognised on an accrual basis

Interest is accounted for when received.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for any mission are dealt with as a restricted fund. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furniture held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed

Expenditure on buildings is depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years being the useful life of the asset.

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful life of the asset. Specifically:

Chairs:	10 years
Equipment:	5 years
Restoration of Chandeliers	10 years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase value of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current Assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Funds.

Investments are cash placed in 2014 in 3 Church of England Income Investment funds, managed by CCLA, as a long term investment due to the low interest paid on normal bank deposits. The funds can be available at short notice which may result in a loss due to the valuation of the shares at the time of disposal. Dividends on the funds are paid 4 times a year, and are only accounted for when received.

Missionary and Charitable Giving

The PCC agreed to work to a balanced budget for the year and also agreed that any surplus in the year would be allocated to Missionary and Charitable giving up to £6,000. The allocation of funds will be made at the first PCC meeting following the APCM. As the PCC is in deficit for this year the allocation is nil

Capital Expenditure

No additional capital expenditure occurred in the year.

Bramhall Parish Hall Trust paid for the replacement of the Parish Centre Boilers

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	PCC	PCC	Micah	Newala	Total Funds		Variance on 2020	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Project Funds £	Funds £	2021 £	2020 £	Increase £	Decrease £
2 Incoming Resources								
2(a) Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving								
Gift Aid Giving	94,970			780	95,750	87,425	8325	
Income Tax Recovered	23,714			470	24,184	22,030	2154	
Giving - no Gift Aid	11,261				11,261	12,616		1355
Collections								
Normal Services	1,689				1,689	989	700	
Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals	142				142	42	100	
Special Collections	2,059				2,059	4,831		2772
Income Tax Recovered on Donations etc.	932			1,486	2,418	1,481	937	
Sundry Donations	2,046		20,000	11,666	33,712	32,049	1663	
	<u>136,813</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>14,402</u>	<u>171,215</u>	<u>161,463</u>		
Legacies					0	0		
Parish Events				2,418	2,418	573	1845	
	<u>136,813</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>16,820</u>	<u>173,633</u>	<u>162,036</u>		
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds								
Church Hall - Hire Charges Church Groups	427				427		427	
Gardening	1,866				1,866	1,180	686	
	<u>2,293</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,293</u>	<u>1,180</u>		
2(c) Income from Investments								
Bank & Building Society Interest	3,487		3		3,490	3,485	5	
Rent - 33 Dawlish Close	10,200				10,200	9,665	535	
	<u>13,687</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,690</u>	<u>13,150</u>		
2(d) Income from Charitable Activities								
Bookstall					0	5		5
Church Hall - Hire Charges	10,564				10,564	7,338	3226	
Flower Club		1,633			1,633	355	1278	
PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals, etc.	5,262				5,262	3,635	1627	
Use of Church Facilities	4				4	0	4	
Donations for the use of Church	1,710				1,710	624	1086	
CDBF Grant					0	3,870		3870
Active Angels	149				149	0	149	
	<u>17,689</u>	<u>1,633</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,322</u>	<u>15,827</u>		
2(e) Job Retention Scheme	2088				2,088	7,495		5407
Total Incoming Resources	<u>172,570</u>	<u>1,633</u>	<u>20,003</u>	<u>16,820</u>	<u>211,026</u>	<u>199,688</u>	<u>24747</u>	<u>13409</u>
					11,338		11,338	

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	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds		Variance on 2020	
					2021 £	2020 £	Increase £	Decrease £
3 Resources Used								
3(a) Charitable Activities								
Missionary and Charitable Giving (see Note 10)	2,059			8,000	10,059	12,281		2,222
Ministry								
Parish Share	94,086				94,086	93,386	700	
Working Expenses of Incumbent	990				990	731	259	
Vicarage Expenses	4,529				4,529	4,448	81	
Assistant Clergy Expenses					0	82		82
Casual Duties	562				562	129	433	
Pastoral Care					0	0		
Church Maintenance								
Organ					0	265		265
Furniture & Fittings					0	0		
Silverware					0	0		
Heating	298				298	356		58
Electrics	3,577				3,577	0	3,577	
Sound	70				70	137		67
Building	2,755				2,755	765	1,990	
Other	4,330				4,330	2,093	2,237	
Upkeep of Services								
Altar Requisites	144				144	114	30	
Liturgical Sundries	1,263				1,263	869	394	
Robes					0	65		65
Music	1,012				1,012	1,066		54
Training and Education Costs								
Parish Training					0	77		77
Library					0	0		
Active Angels	149				149	0	149	
Praise & Play					0	33		33
Schools Ministry					0	0		
Upkeep of Churchyard								
Grounds	822				822	2,824		2,002
Gardening Club	1,866				1,866	1,180	686	
Outreach					0	3,871		3,871
CDN					0	30		30
Bookstall					0	57		57
C/fwd to Page 10	118,512	0	0	8,000	126,512	124,859	10,536	8,883
					1,653	1,653		

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	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £ 2020 £		Variance on 2020 Increase £ Decrease £	
3 Resources Used								
B/fwd. from Page 9	118,512	0	0	8,000	126,512	124,859	10,536	8,883
Parish Events	104				104	305		201
Running Expenses								
Gas	7,098				7,098	6,891	207	
Electricity	1,648				1,648	1,605	43	
Insurance	5,265				5,265	5,241	24	
Depreciation	12,526				12,526	12,527		1
Water Rates	381				381	394		13
Hall Running Costs								
Cleaning Costs	497				497	2,076		1579
Routine Maintenance & Repairs	1,489				1,489	2,711		1222
Refreshments	269				269	122	147	
Fire	2,963				2,963	2,776	187	
Flower Club		1,633			1,633	285	1348	
Other PCC Property								
33 Dawlish Close	2,034				2,034	2,495		461
Church Management & Administration								
Printing & Photocopying	1,654				1,654	1,432	222	
Publicity & Display Materials	312				312	536		224
Stationery	747		112		859	597	262	
Capital items <£1000	1,211		555		1,766	489	1277	
Phone, Postage, Software, etc.	3,033		561	38	3,632	3,220	412	
Salaries	15,219		6,500		21,719	19,127	2592	
Graham Brown Scholarship	180				180	900		720
	<u>175,142</u>	<u>1,633</u>	<u>7,728</u>	<u>8,038</u>	<u>192,541</u>	<u>188,588</u>		
3(b) Costs of Generating Voluntary Income								
Thanksgiving Sunday Costs	93				93	214		121
	<u>93</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>214</u>		
Total Resources Used	<u>175,235</u>	<u>1,633</u>	<u>7,728</u>	<u>8,038</u>	<u>192,634</u>	<u>188,802</u>	<u>17,257</u>	<u>13,425</u>
					3,832		3,832	

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4 Staff Costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Extracted from Resources Used (see Note 3)		
Total staff costs:	21,719	19,127

During the year the PCC paid for the services of a Church Musician, 2 Parish Administrators, Children and Families Worker and a Handyman. None of those employed earned £40,000 or more per annum. The Handyman and The Children and Families Worker were also a members of the PCC, the aggregate employment costs of PCC members were £11,414. The Parish Administrator post is a Job Share

5 Fixed Assets for Use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Land & Buildings		Chairs	Equipment	Total
	Dawlish Close	Parish Centre			
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Book Value					
At 1st January 2021	225,000	167,624	55,136	93,043	540,803
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Grants / Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Disposal	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
At 31st December 2021	<u>225,000</u>	<u>167,624</u>	<u>55,136</u>	<u>93,043</u>	<u>540,803</u>
Depreciation					
At 1st January 2021	0	24,252	46,799	72,369	143,420
Charge for the year	0	3,353	3,031	6,142	12,526
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
At 31st December 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>27,605</u>	<u>49,830</u>	<u>78,511</u>	<u>155,946</u>
Net Book Value					
At 1st January 2021	<u>225,000</u>	<u>143,372</u>	<u>8,337</u>	<u>20,674</u>	<u>397,383</u>
At 31st December 2021	<u>225,000</u>	<u>140,019</u>	<u>5,306</u>	<u>14,532</u>	<u>384,857</u>

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6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets	384,857		384,857	397,383
Current Assets	182,201	123,916	306,117	255,894
Current Liabilities	-13,709		-13,709	-12,987
	553,349	123,916	677,265	640,290

7a Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Income Tax Recoverable	5,787	5,733
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	4,189	3,959
	9,976	9,692

7b Investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Market Value 1st January	116,284	107,706
Revaluation gain / loss	18,583	8,578
Market Value at 31st December	134,867	116,284

8 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2021 £	2020 £
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	13,709	12,987
	13,709	12,987

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9 Funds

Restricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31st December 2021 £
Church Textiles	1,658	0	0	1,658
Flower Club	535	1,633	1,633	535
Newala Fund	5,165	16,820	8,038	13,947
Micah Project	95,501	20,003	7,728	107,776
Total Restricted Funds	<u>102,859</u>	<u>38,456</u>	<u>17,399</u>	<u>123,916</u>

Church Textiles Fund (known as the Kneeler Fund until 1 January 2005) was started in 1993. During 2006 the Servers Robe Fund (also started in 1993) was combined with the Church Textiles Fund. The object of the fund is to provide for the repair and replacement of Church Textiles & Servers Robes.

The object of the Flower Fund is to provide for floral decorations with in the church

The Newala Fund was started in 2010, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of a partnership link with the newly formed diocese of Newala Tanzania.

The Micah Project was started in 2020, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of the church, including employment of additional staff members

Unrestricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Recognised Gains / Loss £	Balance 31st December 2021 £
General Funds	537,431	172,570	175,235	18,583	553,349
	<u>537,431</u>	<u>172,570</u>	<u>175,235</u>	<u>18,583</u>	<u>553,349</u>
Total Funds	640,290	211,026	192,634	18,583	677,265

The General Fund is available for the PCC ordinary purposes.

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10 Missionary and Charitable Giving

	2021	2020
	£	£
Funded by Special Collections		
The Children's Society	1,068	
Calum Run		1,255
Christingle		596
Donations in Memory of K Fenwick		
The Children's Society		578
Newala		1,405
Christian Aid		290
Styal Prison		50
Chelwood Food Bank		187
Christian Aid - Harvest Appeal		370
Christian Aid - Private Donation		100
Toilet Twinning	991	
	2,059	4,831
As Newala Accounts		
Hostel	4,000	
Water Harvesting Project	2,500	
School Porridge	1,500	1,500
Hospital Dispensary		2,500
Girls Toilets at Mpwapwa Primary School		1,410
Children's Ward Kulindi Medical Centre		2,040
	8,000	7,450
Amounts sent Direct		
The Children's Society		
Children Society Boxes	600	
Christingle via Web Donation Button		75
Run via Web Donation Button		1,670
Total sent Direct	600	1,745
Total	10,659	14,026

The sum allocated to Mission and Charities from any surplus in any year is paid out to missions and charities agreed by the PCC in the subsequent year once the accounts are approved

During 2021 The Church or Rooms were provided on a FOC basis on 2 occasions which resulted in a donation of £ 80 if charged at our normal hiring rate.

During 2020 The Church or Rooms were provided on a FOC basis on 29 occasions which resulted in a donation of £ 1,539 if charged at our normal hiring rate.

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11 Payments to PCC Members

Expenses paid to the clergy may contain a small element which relates to their Function as a PCC Member
No other payments were made to PCC members apart from staff costs which are disclosed under note 4

12 Newala Project

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Donations		
Personal Planned Giving	780	725
Sundry Donations	1,000	
Appeal		1,815
Memory of K Fenwick	10,666	1,241
ACE		10
	12,446	3,791
Events		
Table Top Sales		380
Soup Lunch		162
Quiz	701	
Open Garden	969	
Plant Sale	449	
Produce Sale -Veg	173	
Produce Sale - Marmalade	126	
	2,418	542
Gift Aid Recovered on Planned Giving	470	785
Gift Aid Recovered on other Donations	1,486	
	<u>16,820</u>	<u>5,118</u>
Expenditure		
Projects		
Hostel	4,000	
Water	2,500	
School Porridge	1,500	1,500
Hospital Dispensary		2,500
Girls Toilets at Mpwapwa Primary School		1,410
Children's Ward Kulindi Medical Centre		2,040
	8,000	7,450
Bank Charges	38	71
	<u>8,038</u>	<u>7,521</u>
Balance at 1st January	5,165	7,568
Balance at 31st December	<u>13,947</u>	<u>5,165</u>

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13 Micah Project	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Donations	20,000	25,500
Interest	3	1
Transfer from PCC		70,000
	<u>20,003</u>	<u>95,501</u>
Expenditure		
Printing & Photocopying		
Publicity & Display Materials		
Stationery	112	
Capital items < £1000	555	
Phone, Postage, Software, etc.	561	
Employment Cost	6,500	
	<u>7,728</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance at 1st January	95,501	
Balance at 31st December	<u>107,776</u>	<u>95,501</u>

Accounts



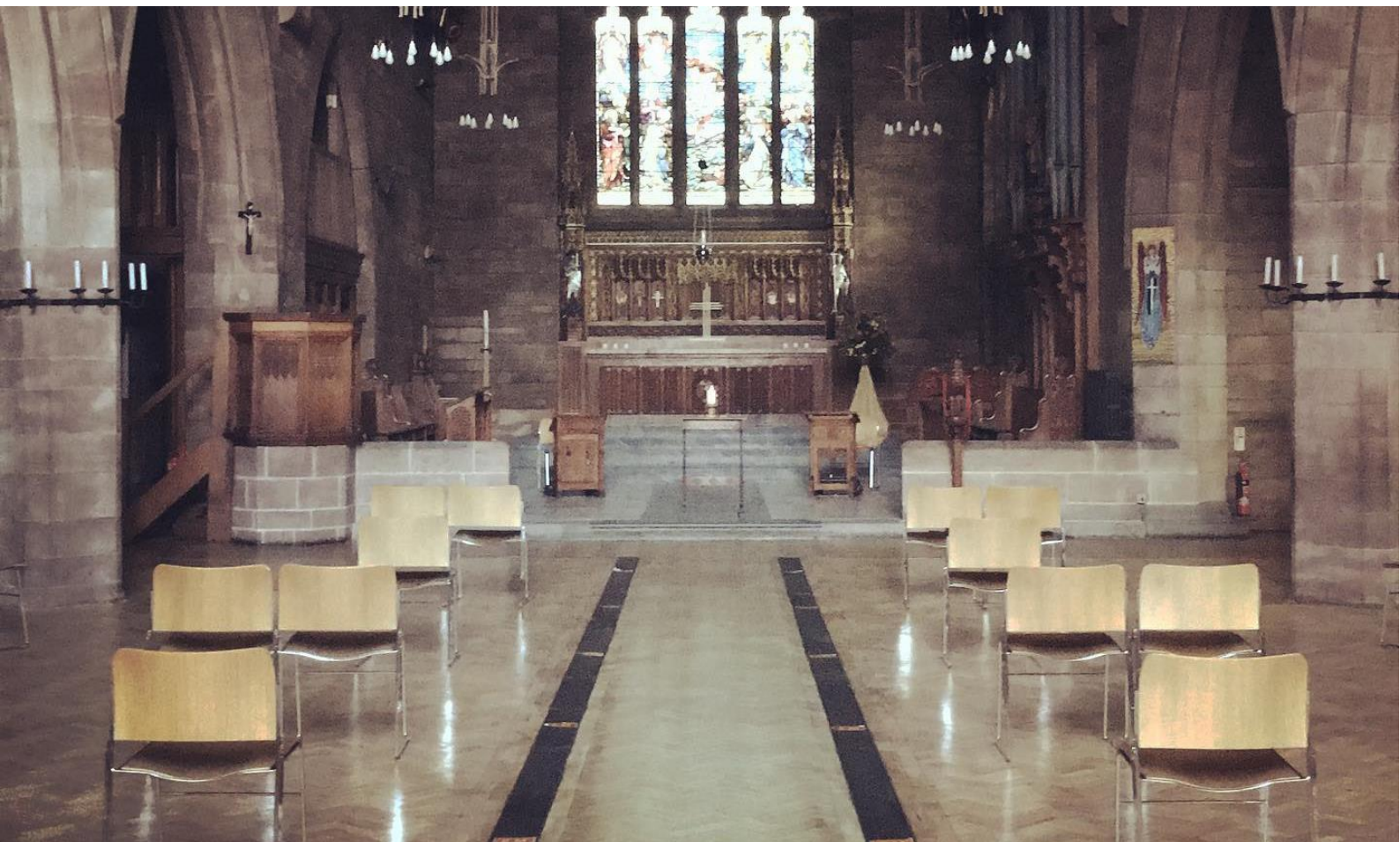
St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church

Annual Report from the PCC for 2020

Accounts for 2020

Prepared for approval at
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 18th April 2021 at 2pm
in the Parish Church



2020



St Michael & All Angels Parish Church

COMMUNITY | INCLUSION | DISCIPLESHIP

St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has responsibility for maintaining the site and buildings that comprise St Michael and All Angels Church and Parish Centre, together with the land and grounds of the church and all other properties owned by the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael and All Angels Bramhall is registered with the Charity Commissioners (Registration No.) 1133883

Incumbent:

The Reverend Calum Piper

Parish Office:

St Michael's Parish Centre,
St Michael's Avenue,
Bramhall,
Stockport,
SK7 2PG

Bankers:

National Westminster Bank,
Bramhall;
HSBC, Bramhall

Independent Examiner:

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Charity Number:

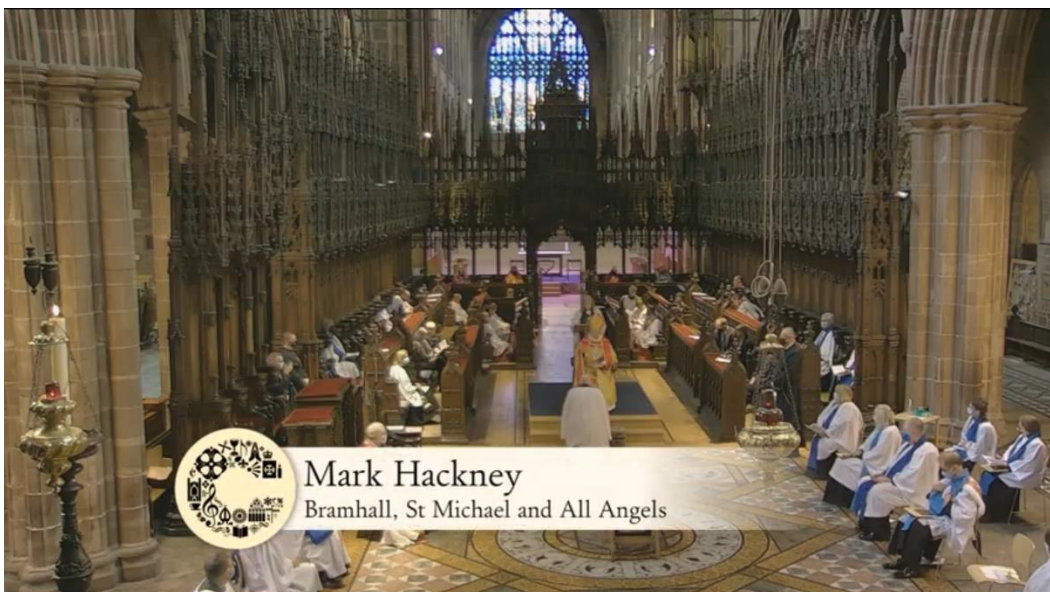
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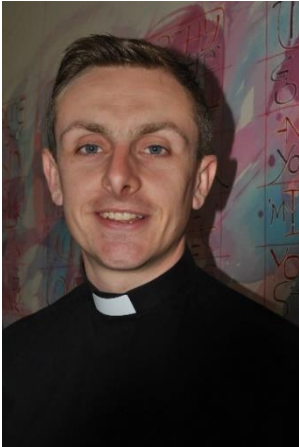
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Seating rearranged in church to accommodate for socially distanced worship.



Mark Hackney licensed as Lay Reader at Chester Cathedral by the Bishop of Chester

Vicar's Introduction



Revd Calum Piper

"I wonder what would happen if the church building was closed for a period of time? What would happen to the people?"

This might seem like an odd question to start with, but it is a question that has been discussed by many church leaders over many years. It is a question that was up until 2020 one of those questions that has only ever been theoretically answered, as no church leader has ever wanted to stop their church community from gathering.

As I have read this report and looked back over 2020, a lot happened in the life of our church but most of that was dominated by the Coronavirus Pandemic that engulfed the entire world.

Our nation learnt new practices like being locked down, social distancing and even wearing masks. We were stopped from gathering together, singing and even meeting with family and friends. 2020 felt like a dark year and yet there was a lot of light.

From the phenomenal success in so many ways of The Wonderland Festival to having to learn new ways of worshipping, from caring for one another at a distance to getting to grips with social distanced worship wearing masks, we have experienced new things and been changed by them.

2020 was not a year where we pressed pause on life, but rather walked closer to the 'valley of the shadow of death' and needed to trust more than ever before in God comforting us and providing for us.

I am indebted to so many people for their support for me and my family. When our own families felt a long way away, St Michaels really was our family. Thank you to everyone that has engaged and encouraged with everything St Michaels has offered throughout lockdown.

I want to pay special thanks to the Churchwardens, Louise and David for their constant support and commitment to the church; Mark Hackney who hit the ground running as he was licensed and has been someone I would have been lost without in the worship life of our church; Andrea Millington and all those who stepped up to provide pastoral care throughout the lockdowns; Imogen Bird and Luke Sperry for their help with the church social media; the PCC for their wisdom as we navigated the ever changing national guidance and finally to those staff members who spent much of their year on furlough, but each time they returned shouldered many burdens – Karen Clapham, Janet Blackshaw and David Taylor.

2020 gave us answers to the theoretical question I started with. The church did not collapse as many might have expected, but it updated, overcame and grew stronger. Thanks be to God.

Revd Calum Piper

*"Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me."*

Psalm 23:4

Churchwardens' Message

To say this year has been full of trials and tribulations is a massive understatement. However, despite numerous setbacks we have experienced, we have striven to make life at St Michael's as bearable as possible under the many and various restrictions imposed on us all. Hopefully, the above will be our only reference to the pandemic, whilst we focus on the more positive aspects and achievements.

During January (Saturday 25th) we held our afternoon tea party to show our appreciation and say thank you to all our volunteers and salaried members for their commitment to maintaining the high standards which is St Michael's benchmark. And then came the pièce de résistance at the end of January: setting up for 'Alice'. The culmination of 18 months of planning and commitment. A massive well done to each and everyone involved. It was 'Our Community' event of the year! Witnessed by over 2,700 people. Little did we know what was to follow soon afterwards.

Although the Church has been closed for much of the time, the fabric of the Church, Parish Centre and grounds are always under scrutiny to ensure it is a warm, welcoming and safe place to visit. There have been numerous actions throughout the year to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds.

As a church we have also had to adapt further. During June, with the prospect of the Church being opened once more and the safety of all being paramount, socially-distanced seating was implemented. Sanitizers, track-and-trace QR codes and the requirement to reserve a seat at one of the three Sunday services and the one mid-week service was made available – all within government and canonical guidelines. And something new but proving absolutely vital, on-line services during full lockdown, and live streaming of services for those unable to attend when we were able to open.

We were sad to say goodbye to Jonnie Gait as our Director of Music. He is a real loss to the Parish but wish him well for the future. However, it was a real joy to welcome Mark Hackney as our Licensed Reader and a valuable member of the ministry team. Mark provided the mid-week service via Zoom during lockdown.

It would be remiss of us, as wardens, to not mention the enormous debt and gratitude owed to Calum for his unerring determination to maintain the Christian message whatever the circumstances. His technical abilities were more than impressive in achieving this. Well done, Calum.

Now, looking to the future with hope and faithfulness we wish God's blessing on everyone at St Michael and All Angels and the wider community. And a very special farewell to Churchwarden Louise from David.

Louise Richardson & David Walker

Postscript from Louise, Outgoing Churchwarden

This will be my last contribution to the Annual Report as Churchwarden as I look to hand over my very large bunch of keys to my successor and I want to put on record my thanks to everyone for the faith placed in me and support that I have received during the last six years in the role. I think it is fair to say that my time as Churchwarden has been like no other ranging from the first three years - first with Sue Taylor and then David Walker (thanks for their encouragement and support) - without a resident incumbent and relying on the dedicated service of Fr. David Stoter, Canon Bob Read and Fr. David Parker, then the arrival of Calum (and of course Jess) through his appointment and installation as Vicar to a pandemic no less. It has been an honour and a pleasure....as well as sometimes a real headache....but one which I have enjoyed enormously. We have much to be thankful for in this place and there are too many people to mention individually but I want to reserve my last thanks to Calum who arrived in July 2017 and threw himself headlong into his calling. I believe our Parish has been transformed by his vision, leadership and commitment and, along with Jess and Samuel, brings so much to our Parish life.

And finally, I want to wish Dave and the new Churchwarden well in the years to come.

Louise

P.S. And I didn't mention drains once!



Zoom became a new form of communication. Finance and Buildings Committee Meeting

Review of the Church's Year 2020

People

The year saw the sad loss of several members of the congregation, some to the Covid epidemic and some to other illnesses. Among those who died and will be sorely missed were former Vicar Rex Hack, former Churchwarden Dennis Massey, keystone of the Newala link Keith Fenwick, and former Planned Giving Coordinator Roy Phillips.

In order to spend more time with his family Jonnie Gait sadly took the decision in June to leave St. Michael's, where he had delighted everyone for some 15 years with his gifted and inspiring playing of the organ and the piano, along with leading the singing groups.

A very special event was celebrated on 9 May, when Dorothy Jopson reached her 100th birthday.

Frank Bennett stepped down as Senior Sidesman in September after many years of devoted service.

We were delighted in October to celebrate with Mark Hackney his licensing as a Reader (albeit via Zoom).

The paid staff of the church were all furloughed during the first lockdown, and returned to work when government regulations allowed.

Worship

Our worship life remained committed to ensuring that there was a range of worship styles making the worship of God as accessible as possible to all.

Because of the Coronavirus churches were advised to close on 17 March, and on 23 March the whole country went into lockdown, with all access to church buildings being banned. Worship went on-line, with members of the congregation being involved in providing readings and prayers. Easter was thus celebrated very differently. On 8 May our services marked VE Day. Despite lockdown it proved possible to open our outdoor Prayer Labyrinth on 11 May.

On 2 August the church was re-opened, with three Sunday services to allow for social distancing of chairs and a safe number of people inside the building. The services included a new informal evening service at 6.30 p.m. A Wednesday morning service also resumed. It was possible to celebrate Harvest on 18 October, with the addition of an on-line Harvest Quiz. Sadly lockdown had to resume on 5 November, until the church was able to re-open on 13 December.

This allowed Christmas services to take place in church, with 123 people able to attend in person, though the Christingle service (with 580 views) and the Service of Lessons and Carols (with 912 views) with local choirs providing some of the carols, were recorded and shown online, in order to enable more people to be reached. A Christingle assembly was offered to schools, and a new very successful venture was the creation of an artwork outside the east wall of the church, which caught the attention of passers-by and attracted many positive reactions.

Christmas was also marked by a very successful Christmas Appeal, with over £3000 raised for the Children's Society (some via sponsorship for Calum's valiant 10k runs, some from the Christingle service, and some from an on-line Christmas Quiz), the continued supporting of the Chelwood food bank, particularly with Christmas items, and the supporting of Brinnington parish with the provision of 55 Christmas hampers.

A Day of Prayer for the community and nation took place on Saturday 28 November.

The Covid pandemic meant that average attendances at services greatly reduced: during October an average of 112 people were able to worship safely in person on Sundays when regulations allowed. Attendance at on-line services both during and outside times of lockdown was substantially higher than this. In the course of the year there was one baptism, one wedding, one service of prayer and thanksgiving after civil marriage, 15 funerals in church, 37 funeral services at the crematorium, and 12 burials of ashes.

The year seemed very lean for members of the Flower Club, who were able to provide arrangements only from August to October. They were however able to decorate the church for Christmas, with the hope this would give everyone a lift in extremely difficult times. Nina Hawkins and Betty Scott both laid down some of their responsibilities, having served the Flower Club faithfully for around 40 years, and others from the team have stepped up to take on these responsibilities. The Club looks forward to a time when they will be able to arrange flowers for weddings and all special days without interruption.

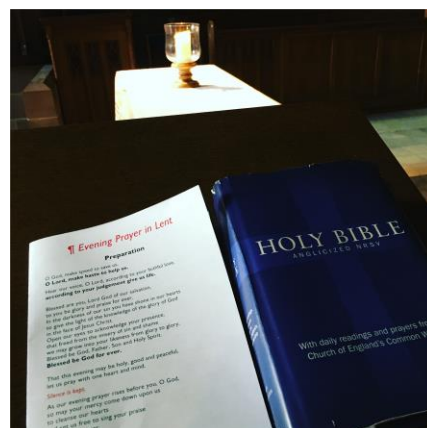
The Serving Team and those who look after the silver and altar linen continued to be fully active when possible.

The fortnightly "Mindful Space" meditation sessions were sadly suspended at the first lockdown.

A collection of food and toiletry items continued to be made during the various Covid restrictions, and was donated to Chelwood Food Bank in Stockport. The congregation continues to give generously.

Discipleship

In Lent the Vicar led three study groups, one on the Bible, one on the environment, and one on the disciples. The weekly Bible Study continued in Costa Coffee until March, when it was replaced by meetings on Zoom. A Quiet Day was held in the church in March, and the Library based in the Lounge continued to resource the congregation. The Doorway house group continued to meet fortnightly on Monday evenings, after March mostly via Zoom. The Thursday Fellowship which had successfully provided Bible study and fellowship reverted as it had the previous year to being a Lent Group in 2020 and this was curtailed due to Covid. Thursday Fellowship will be resuming when it is safe to do so.



During lockdown, a prayerfully-driven Zoom Alpha course was joyfully undertaken. Wednesday evenings saw nine participants join together to explore what it means to become a committed Christian. Videos were shared and lively discussion took place regarding the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha represents a real opportunity to explore the meaning of our lives, and the course ended with looking forward to the joy of a Christian life.

During the various lockdowns and other restrictions the Vicar has provided almost daily on-line Reflections which have been viewed by many, both within and outside the congregation. He and his wife, Rev. Jess Piper, assistant priest in Stockport and Brinnington, have also provided a regular series of recorded In Conversation pieces, which have encouraged and challenged all those who watch.

During Advent, the church community contributed daily to website reflections on a selection of Bible passages that involved the theme of 'Comfort and Joy'. It was both wonderful and very interesting, to witness so many different "voices" describing their viewpoints on the power of Scripture. Responses could be intriguingly autobiographical and imaginative, and were always helpfully insightful in their response to Biblical reflection. The call has gone out from our St. Michael's community: 'More of the same please, next year!'

Ministry to Younger Generations

During Covid restrictions the teenage members of the congregation were involved in contributing to on-line services, and the Youth Group continued to meet twice a month via Zoom, with around 4 young people attending each time.

The ecumenical youth space THE MILL had its challenges during 2020, like everyone everywhere. It began 2020 as usual, running after-school sessions five times a week and two each Saturday plus a weekly session in the High School and links with all the primary schools. They were all set to go into every school in May when the lockdown prevented that contact. So youth worker Ian got to work on a new website and social media links during that period. The trustees were also looking to replace Jake, the other youth leader, who had made the decision to become a full-time carpenter, and he was replaced by Rosie when the Mill reopened in September. The Mill was operational through the autumn term with ten young people maximum per session until the latest lock-down closed us again.

Running costs are about £48k per annum and funding has always relied on four main strands: local churches giving what they can, the Thrift Shop/Centrepoint Youth Fund, individual donations with associated Gift Aid, and funds received from outside grant-making bodies of all kinds. We were fortunate to receive funds given out by the government via SMBC to support businesses and small charities during the pandemic, as well as a grant for Covid-19 support from the Lotteries Commission. This money was used to pay salaries, utilities, rent and safeguarding checks, and it has enabled all our volunteers to have training in mental health issues that may affect young people during and after this pandemic.

Schools

The church continued to maintain good relationships with Moss Hey, Pownall Green, Valley and Ladybrook Primary Schools. Groups from the schools were among the first visitors to Wonderland. This year we had to restrict much of our normal interaction with schools, but a Harvest service and a Christingle service were recorded and shared with them.

Praise and Play

Praise and Play initially continued as previously but in the early part of 2020 numbers fell as we lost some older children to school or nursery. Despite the small numbers it was much appreciated, and the children enjoyed the time spent in church and craft activity each week. Thinking had begun about publicity and attracting more families after Easter but the onset of Covid and the need to make decisions made it seem a sensible time to close Praise and Play and rethink how to reform when we are able. As part of our pastoral care of this group, contact with families was maintained by email until the summer and all were doing well. Provision to meet the needs of this group will be provided again in due course.

Brownies & Rainbows

Rainbows started 2020 with games in the Hall, doing badge work and some craft work. One excitement was a visit from a Guide dog who led the Young Leaders blindfolded around the Hall. Lockdown meant meetings were suspended until August. In September the terrace became the new meeting place. The programme included games, a Scavenger hunt and a walk through Carwood to see the Fairy Dell and climb on the fallen-down tree in Bramhall Park. Weather and darker evenings meant several meetings were cancelled before another lockdown.

An outside Christmas party was planned, but again the weather thwarted the first attempt. Luckily the Saturday of a second try was a beautiful day. The Rainbows arrived, warmly dressed, wearing Santa hats, reindeer antlers and glittery tiaras. There were two visitors – the GirlGuiding Stockport President and one of Santa's Elves, who got the party going with music, dancing and games, followed by lots of food, a candy cane hunt and more food. There was a letter from Santa apologising for not coming (he was shielding to be safe for Christmas Eve!), but he made sure there was a sack of presents for everyone. A lovely time was had by all.



Rainbows Christmas Party



Ladybrook District St George's Day Parade moved online

St Michael's Guides

St Michael's Brownies were online from April. They found a new way of delivering over Zoom a fun and interactive programme that engages the girls during these times, including games, challenges, scavenger hunts and quizzes, and the girls have been working towards their Skills for the Future badge. Some of the highlights of 2020 were a careers night with a forensic scientist, engineer, interior designer and university manager, a film night at Christmas, Brownie promises made over Zoom and of course lots of fun.

Owing to COVID the Guide unit was suspended from March to May while they looked at how to carry on during the pandemic, and then started Zoom meetings. In one of these meetings they welcomed an animal specialist to talk about care and preservation of different species, and they have also taken part in online games with Our Chalet in Switzerland. Even with all the changes Guides were able to meet around five times outdoors in September in a socially distanced way, including a campfire at church. Guides also went to Treetops outdoor adventure and enjoyed an evening doing the high wire.

4th Bramhall (St Michael's) Scouts

All sections of 4th Bramhall Scouts had to adapt their programmes to be in line with pandemic restrictions. All camping had to be cancelled, but Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all managed on-line Zoom sessions and badge work. The Cubs met under the parachute canopy erected at the far end of the church grounds for a socially-distanced meeting to make Remembrance poppies, and the Scouts managed several outdoor meetings there.

Pastoral Care

In addition to careful preparation and care given to those involved in baptisms, weddings and funerals St Michael's aims to care pastorally for all its members in many ways. The Mother's Union visits and supports its members who are ill, and a strong network of friends at St Michael's covers most temporary needs due to sickness etc. Members of the Pastoral Team visit local care homes and those isolated in their own homes, and Home Communion is taken if requested. Our members on the Chaplaincy team at Stepping Hill visit those in hospital. Support following a bereavement and response to more acute issues, or simply a need to talk something through in confidence, is offered by the Pastoral Workers.

During the pandemic much of this activity had to cease and be replaced by more creative ways of offering care. For once, St Michael's building not being in the centre of the village has brought benefits, as mourners have been able to line the pavements around the church at funerals, showing our respects to those who have died.

Early in the first lockdown the congregation was divided into pastoral groupings, with one person volunteering to stay in contact with others by telephone, and this has been much valued by many.

Some of the people that I have phoned have been in very strict isolation, others only slightly less so. There were times when I felt they were feeling quite depressed and thankful to speak to someone. On other occasions I have felt cheered and uplifted by our conversations. Calum is to be thanked for setting up these links between members of the congregation, one of whom I did not previously know, but whom I am looking forward to meeting when things are back to normal.

Pauline D'Souza



Field of Light

Other new initiatives included the Christmas 'Field of Light' event, remembering those we have lost, and the deeply moving service for the dedication of the Baby Memorial commemorating those babies lost by miscarriage and stillbirth. Members of the gardening team, who have made such progress with the grounds, enjoyed the growth of fellowship that this task brought.

Fellowship

Despite the lockdown and general restrictions 2020 saw continued fellowship within church activities and organisations.

During the pandemic the Mothers' Union continued as a Christian mission working through grassroots membership to support families and communities in Britain and round the world. This was partly possible through a nationwide appeal to members to which our branch sent £500 as well as our branch members' individual donations. This appeal was because very few fundraising events were possible. At St. Michael's three new members were enrolled in January bringing the membership to 51, but towards the end of the year three members moved away from Bramhall and one precious member died on New Year's Eve 2020. There were three branch meetings and a pub lunch before the temporary closure in March, but the long-established group system kept all members in touch.

ACE (Arts and Crafts Experience) sessions prior to Wonderland in February were devoted to helping with backdrop, caterpillar, toadstool and other Wonderland related activities. Prior to the March lockdown they only managed one more session, creating woven crosses. ACE members have kept in touch via email and some have been encouraged to create 5 x 7 in. panels in the colours of the rainbow, the idea being linked to God's promise of hope and the rainbow symbol linked to the NHS during the Covid crisis.

A Thank You tea party on 18 January was hosted by Revd Calum and the Wardens for the many members of the congregation who serve the church in some way, and was once again appreciated by everyone present.

In the early months of the year TGiM on a Monday and the monthly soup lunches on a Wednesday following the morning Eucharist service continued to be valued, as did the monthly breakfasts held after the Sunday 8.00 am Eucharist.

The Micah Project

During the year the Parish Development (Finance) Committee began to explore the challenging questions from the book of Micah:

What does the Lord require of you? What does it mean for us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with the Lord our God?

Out of this they developed the Micah Project, in the belief that through this project we will see God continue the task of building his church through us. By sharing in acts of justice, mercy and humility, we will offer the love, peace and grace of God to our friends, neighbours and wider community. As a result:

Our community will be changed

We will be changed

God will be glorified

The project has a number of strands, wanting to:

- reach out to the marginalised in our community, who have no voice and are forgotten about, and to offer hope, protection, and a voice for them
- support young people's development, particular with self-esteem, leadership and community involvement
- support young families with building sustainable and healthy routines and relationships
- work with other leaders of our community to address areas of concern
- support the isolated, by establishing community amongst the forgotten
- find new ways to bring people from all ages together to share in life together

To begin to equip the parish in following God's call to answer this challenge, the Committee proposed establishing 3 part-time posts for an initial period of 3 years:

A Children & Families Worker, to deepen and develop our relationships with the three primary schools in our parish, but not excluding other schools who serve the people of Bramhall, to resource the church in connecting with our established play groups with new talent, resources, and energy, and to establish a children's' ministry alongside our weekly worship, which will be a place where particularly young children feel safe, included and passionate about the love God has for them.

A Youth Worker to build on the youth work already started and connect with the next generation of young people, to deepen the relationship with our local High School as well as Grammar schools in the area, to support the work of Churches Together in the Youth Bar Millennium Project, and to work along with the vicar to establish a young leaders' academy that will equip young people with community and leadership skills so that they are better engaged to be the next leaders of our community

A Community Worker to seek out areas of isolation and look to build bridges between them, to share in the ministry of supporting those who struggle with mental health, and to promote inclusiveness in our community between all people.

A generous donation had initially been given of £24,000 towards this project, and a further £1500 had been received from the All Churches Trust. In October 2020 the PCC agreed unanimously to support the Micah Project to a maximum of £70,000 over the next 3 years, which would open the doors to applications to trusts and foundations for further funding. The Group then began work on preparing job descriptions for the new posts. It is hoped that people could be in post by summer 2021.

Wonderland Festival 2020

A personal view by organiser Sue Taylor

On 30th January 2020, the moment that would determine whether 18 months of planning would come to fruition arrived. On that Thursday evening the church was stripped of all its furniture, chairs stacked and stored (who knew the vestry could hold so much!) and children's space dismantled. All of this captured on a time lapse camera, eventually to feature in our very own film of Wonderland. Several of us stopped to take stock, take a deep breath and with faith began to transform St Michael's into Wonderland!

So how, why and when did we find ourselves in this situation? In 2018 St Michael's had hosted a magical 'Narnia' experience. Over 2000 people attended and one of the overriding comments as people left was 'What are you going to do next?' For those of us involved the answer was brief: "nothing for some time!" We agreed to have a few months off to reflect, to mull over the week, to accept the plaudits and to breathe!

In August a group of people met to make a decision. 'Could we? Should we undertake another festival for 2020? The answer was an overriding 'Yes' and so it began. Which book? What theme? We identified possibilities, read and re-read books and eventually a consensus was reached: we should recreate Wonderland! In dark, cold February we would transform St Michael's Parish Church into our very own Wonderland. We would bring about some post-Christmas cheer! Little did we know what lay ahead!

Our remit was clear. This was outreach, it was for the community of Bramhall, it would be a free event and it would put St Michaels at the heart of the community. Calum set the bar high! We should aim for 2500 visitors and we should involve as many church members as possible.

On that Thursday evening, all the hard work over the previous 18 months began to take shape. Sets began to appear, the Riverbank, the library, the magical hookah smoking caterpillar in the forest, the kitchen, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, the Queen's garden. Yards of fabric had been transformed into backdrops painted week after week by willing volunteers. Members of ACE put aside their plans to help. Gardens appeared, hundreds of flowers planted months before flowered as if to order. The Flower club made dozens of red roses for the Queen's croquet lawn, waterfalls of playing cards were hung. The vision was becoming a reality!

Thanks to members of the congregation we had more props than we could ever have imagined! Pots, pans, plants, statues and teacups! So many teacups! We had wonderful creations, a huge tea pot, a pig/baby, flamingo croquet sticks, so many offers of help. Countless helpers worked tirelessly. By the Monday we were set to go, the costumes were picked up, there was time for a quick dress rehearsal in between the health and safety inspection! At 6 pm on the Monday evening we opened the doors to 'Wonderland' And it never stopped from there on in.

The first 3 days were allocated to school visits and uniformed organisations. On Friday the public were invited in; it was a long day culminating in fizz and nibbles. What a success! And so it continued. Saturday and Sunday were incredibly busy, word was out. People queuing down the church drive, in the pouring rain, sustained by cups of tea and good-natured banter.

It was an incredible team effort. The folk who fed us throughout the festival, the characters, relentlessly performing their parts with good humour! The maintenance crew mopping floors

(the bubble machine was a great success!), sweeping up, hoovering, the washers-up, the bakers, the biscuit makers, the welcomers, the guides (who I fully admit to taking advantage of!) So, so many people contributed, too many to name.

As the festival drew to a close on the Sunday, we'd had almost 3000 people through the doors of St Michaels. The service that took place was joyous, a celebration of community. As we cleared away after the service, the organising group sat together, to reflect on our experiences and to read some of the comments in the visitors' book.

'Brilliant, a fantastic way of bringing the book to life'

'What a lovely event, so much hard work'

'Absolutely Inspirational'

'An incredible event'

It would be true to say that we were a very happy somewhat exhausted group, thrilled with our success. There was however one comment that had recurred time and time again....' What are you going to do next?

There are too many people to thank, so many gave of themselves, their lives dominated by 'Alice' for some considerable time. I must however make an exception. Calum's willingness to take risks, his desire to reach out into the community and his support for all those involved made such a difference. The community of St Michaels should be rightly proud of what it achieved!



The Wonderland Cast

Lynn Smith – Duchess

It was a real pleasure to play the Duchess, meeting so many lovely people of all ages from our community, but the true magic of Wonderland for me was the excitement on the children's faces when they spotted the Cheshire Cat and their loud laughter when the baby turned into a pig. That was something to cherish, absolutely priceless.



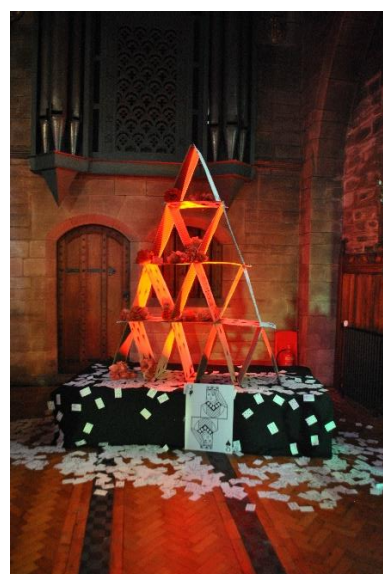
Pauline D'Souza – Duchess

I thoroughly enjoyed the part I played and even when different individuals shared a role their different approaches were equally appreciated, as was commented to me by individuals who came more than once. When pressure of numbers was great cast members skilfully adjusted their scripts to help the flow of visitors without diminishing their enjoyment. Congratulations to everybody involved!



Tilda Chadwick – Dormouse

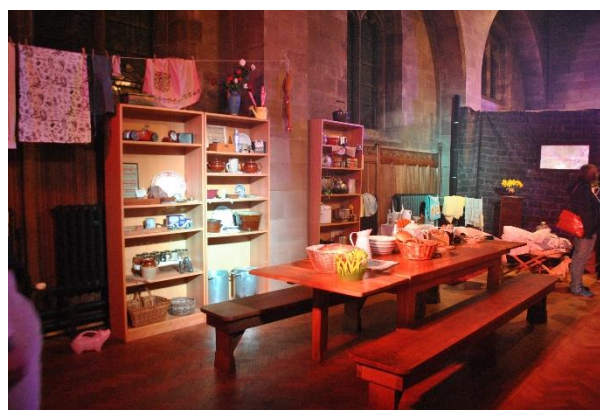
I really enjoyed being part of Wonderland, it was a different way to learn about religion and I liked being with people who were fun. I also liked seeing the church full of lots of different people (even my teacher) and seeing how much they all enjoyed being in our church. It made me really proud to be part of it.



Chris Ainscough - Dormouse

Wonderland! Oh, what an experience through the eyes of a mere dormouse who certainly had no time to sleep! From early beginnings, through months and months of preparation, tremendous effort and hard work by everyone, under the instruction and guidance of Sue Taylor and Sheila Newbon – who both must have had endless sleepless nights but whose dedication and commitment played a huge part in making Wonderland such a great success.

4 February 2020, the big day finally arrived! The hustle and bustle, the laughter and, may I say, a great deal of marching for a dormouse who just wanted to sleep but who experienced an overwhelming feeling of friendship being part of St. Michael's Church family and the bringing together of a much wider community. Those days spent in 'Wonderland', a time I will never forget. The transformation of our Church into a magical 'Wonderland' in which, and I quote, "Human imagination is not simply our means of reaching out to God but of God's means of manifesting himself to us." (Christian Wiman)



Sally Harwood – Queen of Hearts

'Off with your head!' – a classic line shrieked many times but I have to admit, it did take some time to drop 'from one's' vocabulary!!

What a privilege it was to be nominated for the part of The Queen of Hearts, a role that is completely opposite to my nature yet was such a joy to play.

Although hard work, our prep sessions together reaffirmed the friendship within our St Michael's community. Little Samuel being present, although oblivious to exactly what was going on, wore a beaming smile across his face and brought happiness into my heart as I worked on cutting, painting, stamping bricks and all the other hundreds of craft ideas that our Sheila came up with.

There are many highlights and numerous things that are imprinted on my mind. Our first costume fitting and seeing Phil W in his 'bunny legs'; seeing my mum (The Dormouse) in a onesie; Phil K's jokes and his caring way of ensuring that during the production, you were kept hydrated; the banter that went on in-between scenes, including flying hedgehogs (David T!!!). I could go on and on!

To quote Sue, 'In a moment of madness', it was decided to do it all again and I was excited to be a part and involved in more ways than one. Despite all the highs and lows, it was an adventure from start to finish. It demonstrated how a community can come together from very young to more mature. It very evidently demonstrated our values as a church – Community, Inclusion and Discipleship and us all playing our part in the ongoing story of God.

Would I do it again... yes, in a flash!

Buildings

(incorporating fabric and ornaments report)

Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic work has continued as usual to ensure that the church buildings and site are kept in good condition and suitable for all our activities. There have been numerous actions throughout the year; in particular the central heating and sound systems have been serviced, the hall and church floors refurbished, the Parish Centre re-painted, and we have welcomed steeplejacks who climbed up and treated the bell tower in poor weather conditions. In the grounds, trees were lopped, superb improvements were made to the flower beds in and around the memorial garden, and the memorial garden masonry was re-constructed. We also had the dedication of the Baby Memorial plaque - a very welcome addition. At present we are working hard to resolve the worsening problem of rainwater overflowing from the gutters on the South porch and reducing the trip hazard by having the step at the South porch levelled. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who give so generously of their time to keep everything in such good order.

Gardening

In the spring of 2020 work was started to clear the south border which had become overgrown with rhododendrons, ivy and weeds. This clearance, with the encouragement of passers-by, took many weeks to achieve, but by the end of May plants had been requested from parishioners and friends that were subsequently added to the cleared beds. The south border was shortened in width to make it more manageable and grass seed sown to extend the lawn border.

After the planting of the south border, volunteers continued to maintain the beds and borders around the Church. They have also created decorative stepping stones to aid future weeding and provide some colour and interest during the winter months. The help given has enabled new projects to be put in the pipeline for 2021. There is now a regular gardening session once a week, weather permitting.

It was decided to buy plants from a flower auction to re-sell to the public, in order to raise funds for the continuing work required. So far a couple of sales have taken place in the large St. Michaels car park and one in the car park in the village, next to the Victorian. These were a great success and the monies raised are being used to buy the gardening extras that are needed, especially for new projects being undertaken. The aim is to continue with the auction plant sales in 2021.



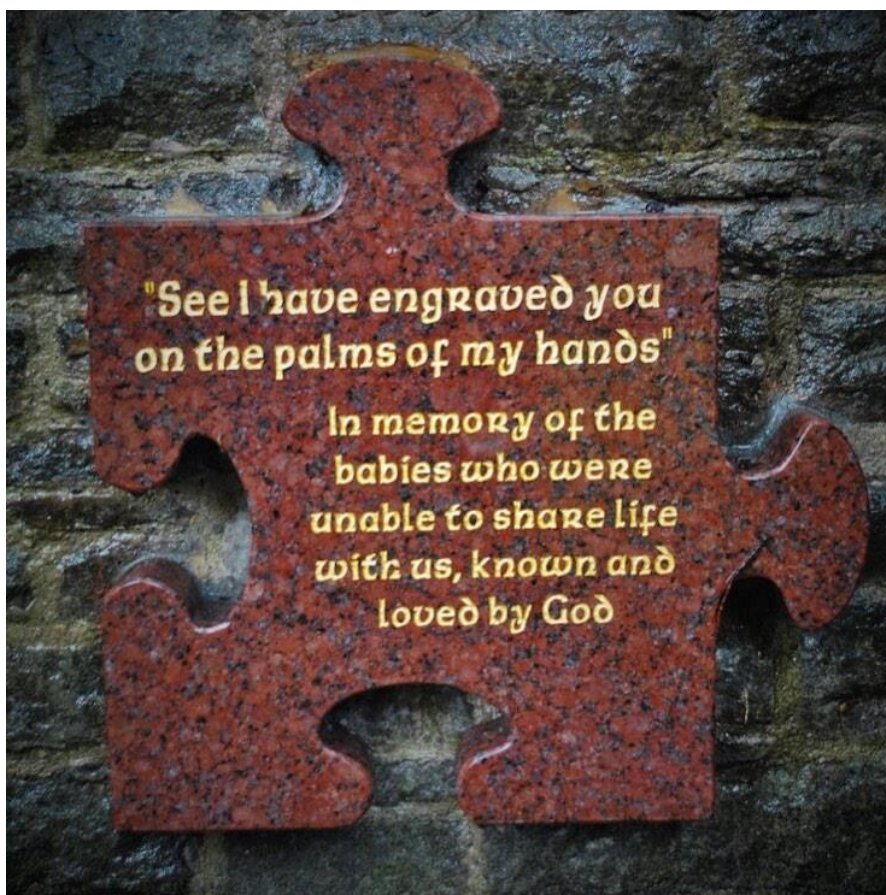
South Side Flowerbed Renovations

Health and Safety

As PCC Health and Safety Officer, Hedley Smith reports that the normal monthly HSE inspections were suspended during the months of March to June inclusive due to Covid-19 lockdown, but on 20 July an inspection of the buildings was carried out to check they were in a sufficiently safe state to welcome back parishioners. Covid-related signage was clearly visible; hand sanitising stations were in place and chairs were sensibly spaced to minimise any risk of airborne transmission. It was therefore deemed safe, social distancing accepted, to open the doors again in August. Monthly inspections were carried out between August and November, the Hall emergency lighting was tested each month, and the Hall fire alarm system was checked zone by zone each week. A new fence was erected between the hall lawn and the outdoor education area which will help to ensure children playing outside are contained within the lawn area. A revised access step layout to the south porch is in hand.

Safeguarding

The PCC Safeguarding Officers, Cathy Hedley and Susan Joyce, continued to implement the PCC's safeguarding policy (revised annually), including DBS (formerly CRB) checks and maintenance of suitable records. Susan Joyce also serves as Children's Advocate. Parish policies and procedures for Safeguarding Children and Young Adults and for Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults were implemented. Members of the Pastoral Care team and those with an active role with young people had the necessary safeguarding checks. The Annual Safeguarding Audit was completed, and seven points were noted for action.



During National Baby Loss Awareness Week a new memorial stone was dedicated in The Memorial Garden. The stone is to remember babies who are born asleep or don't make it to full term.

The PCC

Membership

Members of the PCC either hold office ex officio or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. A small number of members may be co-opted. Elections to the PCC confer membership for one year, with a maximum service of six consecutive years, after which members must stand down for at least one year. During the year the following served as members of the PCC

Ex-officio Members

Clergy	The Reverend Calum Piper	Vicar & Chairman
Churchwardens	Louise Richardson	
	David Walker	
Reader	Mark Hackney	from October 2020
Pastoral Workers	John Baker	
	Andrea Millington	to September 2020
Deanery Synod Representatives	David Beveridge	Deanery Synod Lay Chairman
	Bryan Goodwin	Deanery Synod Treasurer
	Tricia Munn	to October 2020
	Jo Oughton	from October 2020
	Phil Wadsworth	
Diocesan Synod	Bob Munn	PCC Vice-Chairman

Elected Members

Hamida Adkins		Jill Illingworth	from APCM 2020
Chris Ainscough	to APCM 2020	Janet Ketteringham	
Frank Bennett	to APCM 2020	Phil Ketteringham	to APCM 2020
Marina Bennett	to APCM 2020	Graham Knight	PCC Treasurer
Frances Beards		Andrea Millington	from October 2020
Imogen Bird	from APCM 2020	Andrew Moore	to APCM 2020
Glynis Brown		Tricia Munn	from APCM 2020
Robert Cryer			PCC Secretary
Pauline D'Souza	from APCM 2020		
Doreen Donnan	from APCM 2020	Sheila Newbon	from APCM 2020
Fred Donnan	from APCM 2020	Louise Sell	from APCM 2020
Georgina Foot		David Taylor	to APCM 2020
Shelagh Gall		Susan Taylor	
Sally Harwood		Stuart Villard	from APCM 2020
Michael Holmes	from APCM 2020	Georgia Watson	from APCM 2020
Sue Howgego	from APCM 2020	Rob Watson	



Report

The full PCC met five times during the year, the last three via Zoom. The average level of attendance at PCC meetings was 87%, an increase of 4% on the previous year. Committees and working groups met between meetings, via Zoom in much of the year, and reports of their deliberations and activities were received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. During the year the PCC received reports and discussed, among other things, the formation of an Eco-Action Group, the disability awareness and safeguarding audits which had been carried out, arrangements for the opening of the church for private prayer and later for services of worship, the establishment of the Micah Project, and the updating of the annual budget to take account of the repercussions from Covid. Because of Covid restrictions the Annual Meeting was delayed until 20 September, and took place in a socially-distanced church.

Committees

The PCC operates with two permanent committees, and with working groups set up to tackle any special projects or tasks. These committees and working groups meet and report as necessary to the PCC.

Standing Committee

Membership: Vicar, Churchwardens, PCC Vice-Chairman, PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer

This Committee is required by church law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It met six times during 2020, primarily to set agendas for PCC meetings.

Finance and Buildings Committee

Membership: Bob Munn (Chairman), Janet Ketteringham (Secretary), Vicar, Churchwardens, Graham Knight (PCC Treasurer), George Foot, Mike Holmes (from APCM 2020), Sue Howgego (co-opted, then from APCM 2020), Phil Ketteringham (to APCM 2020), Peter Pugh (co-opted), Hedley Smith (PCC Health & Safety Officer), David Taylor (to APCM 2020),

The overall aim of this committee is to provide and maintain the material resources needed by St. Michael's to carry out God's work. It is responsible for finance, care of buildings and grounds, health, safety and environmental issues, and personnel matters. It has powers delegated from the PCC to deal with smaller and more detailed matters while providing advice, and it makes recommendations to the PCC on more substantial ones, including the annual budget. It met four times during 2020. As the coronavirus pandemic struck, it prepared a revised budget for the year based on the estimated loss of income; planned giving has held up very well, but the budget recommended to the PCC for 2021 provides for continuing reductions in other income. During lockdown, a dedicated team spent time significantly enhancing the church grounds by clearing and planting, which continues. With our buildings not in use, it was also convenient to have the floors in the Hall and Church treated. Later in the year the committee updated our reserves policy, which was duly approved by the PCC. We are grateful for the service of Phil Ketteringham and David Taylor over the last six years, and are pleased to welcome Mike Holmes and Sue Howgego as members.

Young Generations Action Group

Membership: Jo Oughton (Chair), Revd Calum Piper, Churchwardens, other church members with a passion for children, family and youth ministry

This group aims to:

- Implement the strategic plan for children and young people previously agreed by the PCC
- Encourage St Michael's in the stimulation of faith among the young people of Bramhall
- Set goals for the church each academic year for engaging with families and children
- Listen to the needs of families and young people in our church and community

The group developed plans for 2021 to look at provision for children and families in Sunday worship, possibilities for reaching out to schools, and developing the Zoom youth group, along with continuing to sustain and nurture relationships with the uniformed organisations and the Mill.

The Micah Project approved by the PCC in October 2020 will see work with young people very much strengthened in 2021.

Newala – Bramhall Link Group

The first meeting in January 2020 was an optimistic one, planning several fundraising events for our projects in Newala and to help some of our young people visit there in 2021. Some £7,500 was in the bank ready to be allocated to the projects. £1500 was allocated to the long-established schools' porridge project and £2500 to build a water tank in a village. The remaining £3k would go towards a possible two-year project which our young people could help with on their visit, and Bishop Oscar was to be consulted about this.

Then tragedy struck the world and, close to our hearts, the pandemic took from us our brother and friend Keith Fenwick; he is greatly mourned and missed. Over £1200 was given in memory of Keith for the Newala Link and, after consulting the bishop and Jean Fenwick, it was sent to build toilets for a primary school.

As the true scale of the pandemic unfolded plans had to be laid aside for most fundraising events, though a quiz night organised by Nina Hedley was run before lockdown, as was a Lent Soup Sunday. Robert Cryer's vegetables continued to grow despite the virus, thus there was a produce table in the foyer once again. Courgettes, apples, onions, flowers, marmalade, all sorts, appeared and gave joy to people carefully coming to church to worship and pray. An International Recipe book was compiled by Verity Beards-Jones.

Meetings later in the year concentrated on sorting out communication with Newala, looking at using new tech if possible, as well as responding to two requests from the diocese. The first was to furnish the new paediatric 15 bed ward in Lulindi health centre with mattresses, pillows, mosquito nets and 30 bedsheets at a total cost of some £2040, which we sent them. The second was to use the water tank money to rebuild a small decrepit health centre situated in Luatala, an area lacking any other health facility. This serious alteration of where the money is allocated was permitted by the Standing Committee, as we could all empathise with people needing a safe place to go when ill or giving birth. The water tank project will be resumed as soon as possible. Thanks go to Graham Knight and Ann Walker for handling all the accounting and banking since March, and to Terrie Hunter who relinquished the post of bookkeeper.

So, 2020 finished with knowing that our support is needed in Newala and is used wisely. The Link Group is in the process of determining who will replace George Mbesigwe, Elizabeth Milanzi and Dr Lawi Issa as signatories on our Tanzanian bank account. Thanks go to them for helping us and we know their friendship and prayers will always be with us.

Links have been forged with Rev Jackan Waweru, and we now have links to other Tanzanian societies and people with connections in Newala in particular. We know we cannot visit in 2021, but we can continue to support the link and remember the people of Newala in our prayers.

Eco Action Group

Membership: *Hamida Adkins, Frances Beards, Glynis Brown, Robert Cryer, Doreen Donnan, Keith Fenwick, George Foot, Shelagh Gall, Sue Howgego, Janet Ketteringham, Andrew Moore, Sheila Newbon, Calum Piper, Louise Richardson, Helen Russ, Phil Wadsworth (Chairperson), Georgia Watson.*

Formed in September 2019, the Eco-Action Group continued to map out its remit and agenda as we moved into 2020, but putting many of its intentions into action had to be postponed because of Covid. The Group did, however, manage to fulfil the three specific targets it had set itself:

- Achieve a substantial further reduction in amount of paper used. This was realised because of the use of the digital screens in church, and because of St Michael's Today being e-mailed – both as a result of Covid, but which will continue in the post-Covid 'new normal'.
- Stop the use of disposable tableware, cutlery, etc at St Michael's and its organisations' events. A PCC motion made this St Michael's policy.
- Achieve the 'Eco Parish' Bronze Award.

A set of targets was drawn up for 2021 and agreed by the PCC, so that the whole church 'owns' them. They include making a wild-life friendly pond in the church grounds, and installing 15 bird boxes.

Parish Development Group (Finance)

Membership: *Louise Richardson (chair), Sue Taylor, Ann Walker, Rob Watson and Stuart Villard.*

- This new group is intended to support the Parish's mission and future strategies through:
- Identifying, bidding for and securing external sources of funding to support the Parish's strategies for future development
- Producing, organising and evaluating an annual programme of events and activities with the dual aim of generating income and importantly enhancing community outreach and social engagement with the Church and the wider parish
- Working with existing and potentially new church groups to co-ordinate all fund-raising activities across the church organisation, in order to reduce the possibility of event fatigue and duplication

During 2020 the Committee completed work on developing an approach to legacy giving, and devoted the bulk of its time to develop detailed plans for the Micah Project. In 2021 they plan to look at the potential for re-furbishing parts of the Parish Centre, in particular the kitchen.

Electoral Roll Report

The new Electoral Roll membership authorized at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 20 September 2020 was 260 (195 resident and 65 non-resident). Since the publication of the new Roll, two amendments have been agreed by the PCC such that at the end of 2020 the membership stood at 256 (189 resident and 67 non-resident). Phil Ketteringham has continued to act as Electoral Roll Officer.

Deanery Synod

Cheadle Deanery Synod met twice in 2020. At the March meeting the Synod considered outreach to schools, and raised the question of possible changes to parish boundaries. The October meeting (held via Zoom) took considerable time looking at how to undertake mission during the Covid pandemic, sharing experience of what each church in the deanery was doing. The Synod now has a new 3-year elected membership, and Jo Oughton replaced Tricia Munn on the Synod. David Beveridge retired from the role of Lay Chair after several years' service, but remains an elected member, as do Bryan Goodwin and Phil Wadsworth.

Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford

2020 has been a year of considerable change for the churches in Bramhall, with a new Methodist minister replacing Philip Berry, the retirement from the Baptist church of Phil Dixon, and the absence on sabbatical leave of Jonathan Dawson from Ford's Lane Evangelical Church. These changes, along with the Covid restrictions, have limited the possibilities for mutual activity.

Giving to Missions and Charities

The accounts for 2019 showed a surplus of £6261, to be allocated by the PCC at its first meeting after the 2020 APCM. The APCM was of course delayed, but eventually the money was distributed, with £2000 for the Mill, £2000 for the Barnabas Fund, £2000 for Christians Against Poverty, and £261 for the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. During 2020, other giving and fundraising was inevitably curtailed, but a total of £7450 was raised and sent to Newala. Additionally £4831 was given by direct collections and sent to various charities, while £1745 was sent direct to the Children's Society via the donation button on the church web site. In addition, space was provided to charitable organizations free of charge on 29 occasions, worth £1539 if charged at normal hire rates.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires charities to report on how their activities carried out their aims for the public benefit. In reporting, the PCC has had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit. During 2020 many church activities have been suspended due to the Covid pandemic.

Worship

Services are open to all, and in normal times the church is open for private prayer and meditation on weekdays, though during the periods of lockdown and other restrictions this was restricted to specific weekdays or stopped entirely. Services are also normally provided in local care homes and at Christmas in Bramall Hall Chapel.

Occasional offices

The church is normally used for baptisms, weddings and funerals. During 2020 there has been one baptism, one wedding, one service of prayer and thanksgiving after civil marriage, 15 funerals in church, 37 funeral services at the crematorium, and 12 burials of ashes.

Education

Contacts have been made with some local schools, and links are maintained with uniformed organisations. Learning about the Christian faith is fostered by sermons, by monthly all-age services, by short study programmes, and by a variety of house groups, now meeting digitally. In normal years parties of local school children visit the church as part of their curriculum and are introduced to the building and the activities that go on in it. A local school sometimes borrows equipment. This work takes place in the context of our Strategy for Children and Young People.

Concerts

The church building is available for booking by organizations that present concerts and book readings. Because of the pandemic there were only 2 concerts held in church during 2020.

Pastoral Care

A team of volunteers visit people in the parish who are ill or have been bereaved. Occasional lunches and short services are also provided for those who are visited and for care home residents. The clergy visit and minister to those in hospital or hospice. Much of this activity has been suspended during 2020, but a network of pastoral care has kept parishioners in touch with one another by telephone.





Scouts and Guides

St Michael's sponsors the 4th Bramhall Scout Group and 4th Bramhall Guides and Brownies, each of which has a policy of open recruitment. The Scouts have their own premises, but the Guides meet in the Church Hall. Both organizations use the church grounds for outdoor activities such as games and cooking.



Active Angels and Michael's Munchkins

When restrictions allowed, these playgroups met to provide activities for pre-school children with their mothers or other carers.



Praise and Play

This term-time group provided a small, safe and welcoming place for pre-school children and carers to enjoy refreshments and a lively praise session while building relationships and community. Its activities were suspended in March because of the Covid lockdown.



Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for hiring when not required for church use. In the early part of the year it is often the venue for meetings of several charities and other bodies, and various special events and parties. The Covid pandemic severely restricted such events in 2020.

Missions and charities

The PCC gives to missions and charities from any surplus voluntary income. Missions and charities also benefit from funds raised by special collections and fund-raising activities.



Chelwood Food Bank

A collection of food and toiletry items is made every week, normally at both morning services, and donated to this Food Bank in Stockport the following day. This collection continued during all Covid restrictions.

Financial Review

We must be thankful to God for all the blessings received during a most difficult year because of COVID 19 and the changes due to restrictions on Church attendance.

During the year, PCC Funds increased by £19,464 to £640,290 [2019: £620,826], which includes increases in value of the investment funds held with CCLA of £8,576 and donations to the new Micah Project of £25,500. Although PCC day-to-day activities were in deficit by £12,290, [Income £168,706, Expenditure £180,996], and the activities of the Newala group resulted in a deficit of £2,403 [Income £5,118, Expenditure £7,521], there were increases in restricted funds of £78 and in the Micah Project of £25,501.

The PCC day-to-day income reduced by £6,984 when compared to 2019. The major increases were £7,495 from the Government Job Retention Scheme and £17,479 from Sundry Donations, which includes donations to the Micah Project, Special Collections £3,280 and Gardening £1,180. The major reductions from 2019 were Planned Giving, Collections and Gift Aid £9,145, Hall and Church Hire income £22,221, Parish Events £2,115, Flower Club £1,869 and PCC Fees £994.

The PCC day-to-day expenditure reduced by £11,935 when compared with 2019. The major additional expenditures were Parish Share £2,278, Missionary Giving £3,280, Building Maintenance – Painting Tower £1,536, Gardening Club £1,180, and Hall Maintenance and Floor Polishing £1,312. The major reductions in expenditure were Buildings £8,862, Parish Events £3,972, Hall Cleaning £3,015, and Flower Club £1,858

During the year, no Capital Expenditure was undertaken by the PCC. Bramhall Parish Hall Trust paid for the Church Floor to be maintained and polished with no charge to the PCC. The PCC also received a grant from Chester Diocese which was used for TV screens in the church, to remove the need for paper service sheets, and for upgrading the Wi-Fi in church to stream services for Church at Home.

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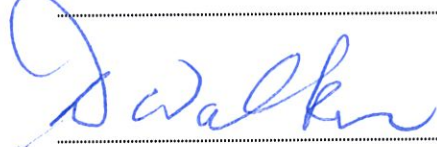
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We hereby certify that the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2020, as set out on pages 4 to 15, were approved at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021


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Vicar


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Church Warden

Church Warden

The Parochial Church Council of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall

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Personal Notes

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall,
Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 4 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of Members and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

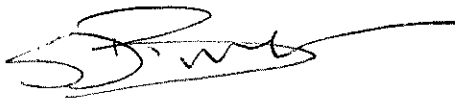
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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 section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my 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

Year Ending 31 December 2020

	Note	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds	
						2020	2019
						£	£
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	2(a)	131,418	0	25,500		156,918	147,669
Activities for Generating Funds	2(b)	8,518	0			8,518	25,755
Income from Investments	2(c)	13,141	8	1		13,150	13,087
Income from Charitable Activities	2(d)	8,134	355		5,118	13,607	20,161
Job Retention Scheme	2(e)	7,495				7,495	
Total Incoming Resources		168,706	363	25,501	5,118	199,688	206,672
Resources Used							
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	3(b)	214	0			214	206
Charitable Activities	3(a)	180,782	285		7,521	188,588	200,531
Total Resources Used		180,996	285	0	7,521	188,802	200,737
Net Movement in Year		-12,290	78	25,501	-2,403	10,886	5,935
Allocation to Missions and Charities for the Year	10					0	-6261
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses		-12,290	78	25,501	-2,403	10,886	-326
Gains / Losses on 33 Dawlish Valuation Valuation							35000
Gains / Losses on Investment Valuation		8,578				8,578	18,934
Net Movements in Funds		-3,712	78	25,501	-2,403	19,464	53,608
Balances Brought Forward at 1 January		611,143	2,115		7568	620,826	567,218
Transfer Between Funds		-70,000		70,000		0	
Balances Carried Forward at 31 December		537,431	2,193	95,501	5,165	640,290	620,826

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	Note	2020 £	2019 £	
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	5	397,383	409,909	
Current Assets				
Debtors	7a	9,692	11,728	
Short Term Deposits		28,329	24,845	
Investments	7b	116,284	107,706	
Cash at Bank		101,589	85,168	
		<u>255,894</u>	<u>229,447</u>	
Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year				
	8	12,987	18,530	
Net Current Assets		<u>242,907</u>	<u>210,917</u>	
Net Assets		<u>640,290</u>	<u>620,826</u>	
Funds				
Unrestricted	PCC	9	537,431	611,143
	Newala	9	5,165	7,568
	Micah Project	9	95,501	
Restricted		9		
Flower Club			535	465
Church Textiles			1,658	1,650
			<u>640,290</u>	<u>620,826</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those of informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Restricted funds represent donations received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given.

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Included in the General Funds are funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC which are also unrestricted.

Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not invest separately for each fund; interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Incoming Resources

Collections 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 only when received.

Sales of magazines, and books from the church bookstall, are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of church property is recognised on an accrual basis

Interest is accounted for when received.

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Resources Used

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for any mission are dealt with as a restricted fund. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

No value is placed on movable church furniture held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed

Expenditure on buildings is depreciated on a straight line basis over 50 years being the useful life of the asset.

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful life of the asset. Specifically:

Chairs:	10 years
Equipment:	5 years
Restoration of Chandeliers	10 years

Individual items of equipment with a purchase value of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current Assets

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Funds.

Investments are cash placed in 2014 in 3 Church of England Income Investment funds. Managed by CCLA, as a long term investment due to the low interest paid on normal bank deposits. The funds can be available at short notice which may result in a loss due to the valuation of the shares at the time of disposal. Dividends on the funds are paid 4 times a year, and are only accounted for when received.

Missionary and Charitable Giving

The PCC agreed to work to a balanced budget for the year and also agreed that any surplus in the year would be allocated to Missionary and Charitable giving up to £6,000. The allocation of funds will be made at the first PCC meeting following the APCM. As the PCC is in deficit for this year the allocation is nil

Capital Expenditure

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	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £	Variance on 2019	
							Increase £	Decrease £
2 Incoming Resources								
2(a) Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving								
Gift Aid Giving	86,700				86,700	89,819		3119
Income Tax Recovered	22,030				22,030	22,454		424
Giving - no Gift Aid	12,616				12,616	13,068		452
Collections								
Normal Services	989				989	4,942		3953
Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals	42				42	110		68
Special Collections	4,831				4,831	1,551	3280	
Income Tax Recovered on Donations etc.	696				696	1,825		1129
Sundry Donations	3,483		25,500		28,983	11,504	17479	
	<u>131,387</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>156,887</u>	<u>145,273</u>		
Legacies					0	250		250
Parish Events	31				31	2,146		2115
	<u>131,418</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>156,918</u>	<u>147,669</u>		
2(b) Activities for Generating Funds								
Church Hall - Hire Charges	7,338				7,338	25,755		18417
Gardening	1,180				1,180		1180	
	<u>8,518</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,518</u>	<u>25,755</u>		
2(c) Income from Investments								
Bank & Building Society Interest	3,476	8	1		3,485	3,487		2
Rent - 33 Dawlish Close	9,665				9,665	9,600	65	
	<u>13,141</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,150</u>	<u>13,087</u>		
2(d) Income from Charitable Activities								
Bookstall	5				5	217		212
Church Hall - Hire Charges	0				0	1,082		1082
Flower Club		355			355	2,224		1869
PCC Fees for Weddings, Funerals, etc.	3,635				3,635	4,629		994
Use of Church Facilities	0				0	93		93
Dig It Project	0				0	102		102
Donations for the use of Church	624				624	3,346		2722
Newala Diocese Project				5,118	5,118	5,655		537
CDBF Grant	3,870				3,870	2,813	1057	
					0			
	<u>8,134</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,118</u>	<u>13,607</u>	<u>20,161</u>		
2(e) Job Retention Scheme								
	7495				7,495		7495	
Total Incoming Resources	<u>168,706</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>25,501</u>	<u>5,118</u>	<u>199,688</u>	<u>206,672</u>	<u>30556</u>	<u>37540</u>
					-6,984		-6,984	

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	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £	Variance on 2019	
							Increase £	Decrease £
3 Resources Used								
3(a) Charitable Activities								
Missionary and Charitable Giving (see Note 10)	4,831				4,831	1,551	3,280	
Ministry								
Parish Share	93,386				93,386	91,108	2,278	
Working Expenses of Incumbent	731				731	1,123		392
Vicarage Expenses	4,448				4,448	4,408	40	
Assistant Clergy Expenses	82				82	202		120
Casual Duties	129				129	975		846
Pastoral Care					0	0		
Church Maintenance								
Organ	265				265	0	265	
Furniture & Fittings					0	0		
Silverware					0	23		23
Heating	356				356	231	125	
Electrics					0	19		19
Sound	137				137	179		42
Building	765				765	9,627		8,862
Other	2,093				2,093	0	2,093	
Upkeep of Services								
Altar Requisites	114				114	448		334
Liturgical Sundries	869				869	1,859		990
Robes	65				65	84		19
Music	1,066				1,066	940	126	
Training and Education Costs								
Parish Training	77				77	0	77	
Library					0	237		237
Active Angels					0	114		114
Praise & Play	33				33	112		79
Schools Ministry					0	59		59
Upkeep of Churchyard								
Grounds	2,824				2,824	3,460		636
Gardening Club	1,180				1,180	0	1,180	
Dig It Project					0	101		101
Outreach	3,871				3,871	2,812	1,059	
CDN	30				30	60		30
Bookstall	57				57	185		128
C/fwd to Page 10	117,409	0	0	0	117,409	119,917	10,523	13,031
							-2,508	-2,508

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	PCC Unrestricted Funds £	PCC Restricted Funds £	Micah Project Funds £	Newala Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £	Variance on 2019 Increase £	Decrease £
3 Resources Used								
B/fwd. from Page 9	117,409	0	0	0	117,409	119,917	10,523	13,031
Parish Events	305				305	4,277		3972
Newala Diocese Project note 12				7,521	7,521	6,076	1445	
Running Expenses								
Gas	6,891				6,891	7,380		489
Electricity	1,605				1,605	2,190		585
Insurance	5,241				5,241	5,185	56	
Depreciation	12,527				12,527	12,500	27	
Water Rates	394				394	612		218
Hall Running Costs								
Cleaning Costs	2,076				2,076	5,091		3015
Routine Maintenance & Repairs	2,711				2,711	1,399	1312	
Refreshments	122				122	637		515
Fire	2,776				2,776	2,896		120
Flower Club		285			285	2,143		1858
Other PCC Property 33 Dawlish Close	2,495				2,495	3,041		546
Church Management & Administration								
Printing & Photocopying	1,432				1,432	2,112		680
Publicity & Display Materials	536				536	758		222
Stationery	597				597	1,024		427
Capital items <£1000	489				489	1,087		598
Phone, Postage, Software, etc.	3,149				3,149	2,772	377	
Salaries	19,127				19,127	18,204	923	
Graham Brown Scholarship	900				900	1,230		330
	<u>180,782</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,521</u>	<u>188,588</u>	<u>200,531</u>		
3(b) Costs of Generating Voluntary Income								
Thanksgiving Sunday Costs	214				214	206	8	
	<u>214</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>206</u>		
Total Resources Used	<u>180,996</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,521</u>	<u>188,802</u>	<u>200,737</u>	<u>14,671</u>	<u>26,606</u>
					-11,935		-11,935	

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4 Staff Costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Extracted from Resources Used (see Note 3)		
Total staff costs:	19,127	18,204

During the year the PCC paid for the services of a Church Musician, 2 Parish Administrator and a Handyman. None of those employed earned £40,000 or more per annum. The handyman was also a member of the PCC, his aggregate employment costs were £4,790 The Parish Administrator is a Job Share

5 Fixed Assets for Use by the PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Land & Buildings		Chairs	Equipment	Total
	Dawlish Close	Parish Centre			
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross Book Value					
At 1 January 2020	225,000	167,624	55,136	93,043	540,803
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Grants / Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Disposal	0	0	0	0	0
Gain / Loss on Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2020	<u>225,000</u>	<u>167,624</u>	<u>55,136</u>	<u>93,043</u>	<u>540,803</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2020	0	20,900	43,768	66,225	130,893
Charge for the year	0	3,352	3,031	6,144	12,527
Disposals	0				
At 31 December 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>24,252</u>	<u>46,799</u>	<u>72,369</u>	<u>143,420</u>
Net Book Value					
At 1 January 2020	<u>225,000</u>	<u>146,723</u>	<u>11,368</u>	<u>26,818</u>	<u>409,909</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>225,000</u>	<u>143,372</u>	<u>8,337</u>	<u>20,674</u>	<u>397,383</u>

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6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets	397,383		397,383	409,909
Current Assets	253,701	2,193	255,894	229,447
Current Liabilities	-12,987		-12,987	-18,530
	638,097	2,193	640,290	620,826

7a Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Income Tax Recoverable	5,733	6,279
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	3,959	5,449
	9,692	11,728

7b Investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Market Value 1st January	107,706	88,772
Revaluation gain / loss	8,578	18,934
Market Value at 31st December	116,284	107,706

8 Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2020 £	2019 £
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	12,987	18,530
	12,987	18,530

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9 Funds

Restricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31st December 2020 £
Church Textiles	1,650	8	0	1,658
Flower Club	465	355	285	535
Total Restricted Funds	<u>2,115</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>2,193</u>

Church Textiles Fund (known as the Kneeler Fund until 1 January 2005) was started in 1993. During 2006 the Servers Robe Fund (also started in 1993) was combined with the Church Textiles Fund. The object of the fund is to provide for the repair and replacement of Church Textiles & Servers Robes.

The object of the Flower Fund is to provide for floral decorations with in the church

Unrestricted Funds Movement in the Year

	Balance 1st January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Recognised Gains / Loss £	Transfer £	Balance 31st December 2020 £
Designated Fund						
Newala Fund	7,568	5,118	7,521	0		5,165
Micah Project		25,501	0		70,000	95,501
General Funds	611,143	168,706	180,996	8,578	-70,000	537,431
	<u>618,711</u>	<u>173,824</u>	<u>188,517</u>	<u>8,578</u>	<u>-70,000</u>	<u>638,097</u>

The Newala Fund was started in 2010, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of a partnership link with the newly formed diocese of Newala Tanzania.

The Micah Project was started in 2020, the object of the fund is to provide monies for the development of the church and the employment of additional staff members

The General Fund is available for the PCC ordinary purposes.

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10 Missionary and Charitable Giving

	2020	2019
	£	£
Funded by Special Collections		
The Children's Society		1,551
Calum Run	1,255	
Christingle	596	
Donations in Memory of K Fenwick		
The Children's Society	578	
Newala	1,405	
Christian Aid	290	
Style Prison	50	
Cheewood Food Bank	187	
Christian Aid - Harvest Appeal	370	
Christian Aid - Private Donation	100	
	4,831	1,551
As Newala Accounts		
Lulindi Health Centre		1,500
Water Harvesting Project		2,500
School Porridge	1,500	1,500
Hospital Dispensary	2,500	
Girls Toilets at Mpwapwa Primary School	1,410	
Children's Ward Kulindi Medical Centre	2,040	
	7,450	5,500
Amounts sent in 2020 from PCC 2019 Allocation		
The Mill		2000
The Barnabus Fund		2000
Christians Against Poverty		2000
Christian Aid - Harvest Appeal		261
		6,261
Awaiting Approval by the PCC		
Amounts sent Direct		
Christian Aid		
Emergency Appeal - Southern Africa		620
Christmas Appeal		100
Strawberry Tea - Vicarage Open Day		282
The Children's Society		
Collection Boxes		601
The Cure Parkinson Trust		
Sale of Marmalade & Donations		100
The Children's Society		
Christingle via Web Donation Button	75	
Run via Web Donation Button	1,670	
Total sent Direct	1,745	1,703
Total	14,026	15,015

The sum allocated to Mission and Charities from any surplus in any year is paid out to missions and charities agreed by the PCC in the subsequent year once the accounts are approved

During 2020 The Church or Rooms were provided on a FOC basis on 29 occasions which resulted in a donation of £ 1,539 if charged at our normal hiring rate.

During 2019 The Church or Rooms were provided on a FOC basis on 16 occasions which resulted in a donation of £ 1,777 if charged at our normal hiring rate.

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11 Payments to PCC Members

Expenses paid to the clergy may contain a small element which relates to their Function as a PCC Member
No other payments were made to PCC members apart from staff costs which are disclosed under note 4

12 Newala Project	2020	2019
	£	£
Income		
Donations		
Personal	725	2005
Appeal	1815	
Memory of K Fenwick	1241	
ACE	10	106
	3,791	2,111
Events		
Table Top Sales	380	
Tanzanian Meal		489
Soup Lunch	162	
Quiz		918
Open Garden		560
	542	1,967
Cake Stall		471
Plant Sale		305
Produce Sale		429
Gift Aid Recovered	785	372
0	5118	5,655
Expenditure	<u>5,118</u>	<u>5,655</u>
Newala Diocesan Training		
Projects		
Lulindi Health		1500
Water		2,500
School Porridge	1,500	1,500
Hospital Dispensary	2,500	
Girls Toilets at Mpwapwa Primary School	1,410	
Children's Ward Kulindi Medical Centre	2,040	
	7,450	5,500
Mooncups Taken to Newala		132
Donations		400
Sundry		14
Bank Charges	71	30
	<u>7,521</u>	<u>6,076</u>
Balance at 1st January	7,568	7,989
Balance at 31st December	<u>5,165</u>	<u>7,568</u>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the members of St Michael & All Angels, Bramhall,
Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 4 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of Members and Independent Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no 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 section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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