

**THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER  
BOLTON DEANERY**

**THE PARISH OF SEVEN SAINTS  
NEW BURY WITH GREAT LEVER**



Annual Report and

Financial

Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year beginning 1st January 2021 and ending 31st December 2021

**Ministers**

**Team Rector:**

Rev. Mark Cowling  
Seven Saints Rectory  
130a Highfield Road,  
Farnworth, Bolton BL4 0AJ

**Associate Rector:**

Vacant position

**Team Ministers:**

Rev. Alison Comber OLM

**Methodist Link**

Rev. Darren Garfield

**Pentecostal Minister**

Rev. Stephen Garner

**Evangelism Project Officer**

**Bank**

The Co-operative Bank

Charity Registration Number: 1134133

## **Parish of Seven Saints, New Bury with Great Lever**

The Parish is a single parish Team ministry covering the area of South Farnworth and Great Lever in Bolton; it is part of the Deanery of Bolton and the Diocese of Manchester. It came into being on October 10th 2011 by the joining of the former parishes of Five Saints and SS Simon and Jude's. The population is approx. 31,000; and there are high levels of deprivation. The Parish is mainly residential with some large council estates and an industrial and commercial corridor along Manchester Road and the northern section of the parish.

There are 4 centres of worship in the Team. St Catherine's Church in Highfield & Community Hall (Anglican/Methodist LEP) St George with St James Church and Hall - Plodder Lane St Michael with St Bartholomew Parish Church SS Simon and Jude's School, Newport Road Great Lever

The Electoral Roll at the APCM in 2018 was 204

The average Weekly attendance\* was -

over 16's

Under 16's

\*taken from Statistics for Mission Report October figs

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
166	141	151	168	225	54	140
71	60	71	113	157	16	100

There are 4 church schools in the parish - St James CE Secondary Voluntary Aided, St James CE Primary Voluntary Controlled, St Michael's CE Primary Voluntary Aided and SS Simon and Jude CE Primary Academy

### **Priorities:**

**Priority 1** - We will enhance the attractiveness of our worship communities - offering a range of distinctive congregations and communities (including traditional, modern and family friendly). We will welcome baptism, funeral and wedding families into our church families; and we will ensure that our welcome and activities genuinely show that "no-one is excluded"

**Priority 2** - We seek to deepen the prayer and spiritual life of the parish, and ourselves. We will do this through our collective worship, through being involved in small groups and through our private prayer and study

**Priority 3** - We will maintain and build on our work with children, young people, and young adults. We will resource Messy Church through the staffing transition and beyond. We will ensure that children are welcomed and included at all services, but at the same time we will have good quality alternative worship provision that focuses on children (while welcoming and including adults).

**Priority 4** - We will improve the future viability of the parish through improving our finances and completing repairs and improvements to our buildings.

**Mission Statement:** Seven Saints Team aims to be a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of our community.

This Vision will be the focus of all we do - it will inform how we plan our services and other events, how we use our resources (time, buildings, money), how we

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pray both collectively and individually, and how we engage with our neighbourhood and the wider world.

Web Site: [www.sevensaints.org](http://www.sevensaints.org)

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sevensaintsteam/?hl=en>

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/SevenSaintsTeam](http://www.facebook.com/SevenSaintsTeam)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/SevenSaintsTeam](http://www.twitter.com/SevenSaintsTeam)

Youtube: Seven Saints

### Seven Saints PCC & Meeting Membership 2021

Position	St Catherine's	St George's	St Michael's	SSSJ's
<b>PCC</b>				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Sheila Smith	Rob Tyler	Anne Cheetham	VACANCY
Synod	Andrew Gibbons		Elaine Guest-Evans	Val Holden
PCC Rep 1	Marion Caughey	Lesley Durosomo	Margaret Moulton	Sam Bowerbank
PCC Rep 2	Susan Stephens	Sandra Bromley	Helen Butler	Stella Crank
PCC Rep 3	Tim Goddard	VACANCY	Kath Crossley	VACANCY
PCC Rep 4	Andrea Gibbons			
<b>Stewardship Team/Finance &amp; Standing Committee</b>				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Tim Goddard	Rob Tyler	Anne Cheetham	VACANCY
Treasurer	(Andrew Gibbons)	Andrea Jackson	Kathryn Fox	Peter Lyons
Stewardship Rep 1	Tim Goddard	Lesley Durosomo	Kath Crossley	Stella Crank
Stewardship Rep 2	Joy Fairbrother	VACANCY		Sam Bowerbank
Volunteer				Val Holden
<b>Pastoral Action Team</b>				
Pastoral Rep 1	Sheila Smith	Lesley Durosomo	Elaine Guest-Evans	VACANCY
Pastoral Rep 2	Catherine Lee			
<b>Mission Action Team</b>				
Mission Rep 1	Andrea Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Margaret Brockie	Nadia Osypanka
Mission Rep 2	Catherine Lee	Rob Tyler	Kath Crossley	Deborah Urmston

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Verger/Sacristan	Shelia Smith	Stephen Garner	Anne Cheetham	Margaret Burke
			Elaine Guest-Evans	
Noticeboard Rep	Joy Fairbrother	Sandra Bromley	Elisha Guest-Evans	Kerry Jones
Methodist Circuit Rep 1	Andrew Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 2	Shelia Smith	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 3	Joy Fairbrother	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Youth Rep	Andrea Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Gift Aid Sec	Stella Crank		CCPAS Lead Recruiter	Lesley Durosomo
Parish Safeguarding	Mandi Stott			

Electoral Roll Officer: Elaine Guest Evans

P. C.C. Treasurer: Lesley Durosomo

P. C. C. Secretary: Andrea Gibbons

Vice Chair: Stella Crank

(Team Clergy are ex-officio on the P.C.C. and the Teams above)

### **PCC REPORT**

2021 was another exceptional year as we dealt with the limiting factors caused by the pandemic. Services were social distanced until August when rules were relaxed. It was good to return to face to face school assemblies, Junior Church and Messy Church.

The PCC met 5 times during 2021 to oversee the work of the action teams and to consider major issues within the parish.

Lesley Durosomo took over as our Parish Treasurer from Ross Pyle. The Parish was able to pay £13,770 towards the £27,540 Parish Share requested prior to the pandemic by the Diocese. This was again due to the loss of income per the Treasurer's Report from hall rental and giving. Our 2022 Parish Share assessment is £28,090.80

We continued our online broadcasting of our services and school assemblies via YouTube live for most of the year. We continued operating as a Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank centre at St Georges on Mondays along with a Job Club and re-started our Mothers and Toddlers Group and Friendly Hour at St Catherine's.

St Michael's celebrated it's 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September with some special events.

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Two of our Wardens, Elaine Guest Evans and Mandi Stott stepped down and we thank both of them for their years of dedicated service to us in this Parish. We also said goodbye to Mike Lusty, our young adult trainee lay minister, who had worked alongside us for 8 months.

With the arrival of the new Area Dean, Simon Cook, we started to think about the plans to be part of "Mission Community 4" in the Deanery, including St Matthews Little Lever, the Farnworth and Kearsley Team and St Augustine's Tonge Moor.

In December we received an Archdeacon's visitation which we received a positive report from and Simon Cook and Keith Lewis presented at our PCC meeting on 14 March 2022.

### **STEWARDSHIP TEAM REPORT**

Stewardship Team met 3 times in 2021 to oversee the finances of the parish and the fabric of our buildings.

Other areas of finance that we worked on included :

- continuing a refurb of St George's Church Hall and Kitchen in partnership with Third Space Bolton Work and Skills Project
- recovering Gift Aid claims.
- managing church rental bookings at St G and St C

### **MISSION TEAM REPORT**

Mission Team met 1 time in 2021 to lead and envision the PCC on Mission Action Planning after preparation from 2019.

As a parish:

- We have partnered with Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank and run a centre on Mondays at St G. We have also got Lottery Funding to run a Job Club along side this.
- We have registered as Eco churches with Arocha
- run the Alpha course for a number of new believers

In addition to the shared Parish plans, we hope to restart our mission activity according to each of our churches specific visions:

St Simons – re-opening after the pandemic and consolidating a viable congregation again after 18 months being closed due to the pandemic.

St Georges – hosts the St G centre of the Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank on Mondays. Also running on this day is a St G Job Club and a group Teaching English. Grant Robbins has helped lead an outreach to the Flower Estate called Groundbreakers.

St Catherine's – Urban Outreach Summer Lunch Club at Church for children. Mother and Toddler Group and Friendly Hour on Tuesdays. And ministry to the two Thursday night congregations.

St Michael's – Curating our History -completed phase 1 of a project working with High School children to record interviews and stories with older people to capture

our social heritage

-Country Church in a Town project planned to develop conservation in the churchyard and engage the community about Climate and the Environment. St M achieved a Silver Eco Church Award from Arocha

-We hope to restart in future Summer Concerts and World Cafe.

### **PASTORAL TEAM REPORT**

Pastoral Team across the churches met informally with the Rector and OLM in 2021 to consider ways to follow up and care for people during the pandemic. The WhatsApp groups for the churches were very helpful to keep connected and the Prayer Chain for prayer support

We continued to pray for and visit the sick and the housebound, and where appropriate to take home communion.

Our Rector completed training for the Kentsugi Hope Mental Health Course for churches with a view to running it in 2022.

### **DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

Parish reps (Val Holden and Elaine Guest Evans) have been our Deanery Synod reps.

### **METHODIST CIRCUIT REPORT 2021** - Report not available

Ministers Revd D Garfield Revd P Brown Revd T Sibanda

### **SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS REPORT**

Our Safeguarding Officer is Deb Lyons and Diocesan Church Safeguarding Training has been received for Safeguarding leads over the last 12 months. We are happy to note that no safeguarding issues have been brought to our attention this year. We have an up-to-date register of all of the people who need DBS checks and when they received their last training.

### **Seven Saints Treasurers Report 2021**

See report from Lesley Durosomo PCC Treasurer.

Signed by

Team Rector: Rev. Mark Cowling

Date: 17 April 2022



# Seven Saints, Bolton

## Statement of Financial Activities

Financial Year: 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	46,990.27	3,520.00	0.00	50,510.27	33,675.89
Charitable Activities	16,630.25	8.47	0.00	16,638.72	24,739.81
Investments	219.90	0.00	0.00	219.90	211.98
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	1,229.05	9,233.37	0.00	10,462.42	18,499.05
Total incoming resources	65,069.47	12,761.84	0.00	77,831.31	77,126.73
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	52,770.35	0.00	0.00	52,770.35	38,336.65
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities	11,289.24	13,132.20	0.00	24,421.44	18,027.74
Support	492.80	6,779.99	0.00	7,272.79	2,610.00
Total resources used	64,552.39	19,912.19	0.00	84,464.58	58,974.39
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	517.08	-7,150.35	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Fund Transfers In	20,411.34	2,362.38	0.00	22,773.72	38,986.62
Fund Transfers Out	20,093.46	2,680.26	0.00	22,773.72	38,986.62
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	834.96	-7,468.23	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	834.96	-7,468.23	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	834.96	-7,468.23	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Total Funds Brought Forward	45,066.58	69,609.89	0.00	114,676.47	96,524.13
Total Funds Carried Forward	45,901.54	62,141.66	0.00	108,043.20	114,676.47
Represented By					
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	10,579.19	0.00	0.00	10,579.19	11,302.28
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	1,178.75	0.00	0.00	1,178.75	829.87
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,823.94	0.00	0.00	1,823.94	1,290.41
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	11.25	0.00	11.25	2,413.79
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	5,542.68	0.00	0.00	5,542.68	2,780.65
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	3,198.98	0.00	0.00	3,198.98	5,994.93
TMCP (St Catherines) (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,385.94	0.00	26,385.94	26,621.51
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	6,650.19	0.00	0.00	6,650.19	7,142.99
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	1,487.73	0.00	1,487.73	492.83
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,660.45	0.00	0.00	10,660.45	10,441.74
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Insight - Football (Designated)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Seven Saints Toddler Group (Restricted)	0.00	541.14	0.00	541.14	1,200.00
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,668.09	0.00	4,668.09	4,634.72
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	991.38	0.00	991.38	5,316.74
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	866.30	0.00	866.30	8,930.30
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	0.00	-24.33	-24.33
Ground Breakers (Restricted)	0.00	2,117.44	0.00	2,117.44	0.00
Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	2,810.01	0.00	2,810.01	0.00
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	983.65	0.00	0.00	983.65	0.00
Staffing Support (Restricted)	0.00	2,262.38	0.00	2,262.38	0.00



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities.**

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC 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.

### **Basis of this report.**

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement.**

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

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

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

  
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Date 13 October 2022