

**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 2022 and ending 31st December 2022

Ministers

Team Rector:

Vacant Position
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 2022 was 135

The average Weekly attendance* was –
over 16's

Under 16's

*taken from Statistics for Mission Report
October figs

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
141	151	168	225	54	140	135
60	71	113	157	16	100	101

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

Seven Saints Team Annual Report and Accounts 2021

Web Site: www.sevensaints.org

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SevenSaintsTeam

Twitter: www.twitter.com/SevenSaintsTeam

Youtube: Seven Saints

Seven Saints PCC & Meeting Membership 2022

Position	St Catherine's	St George's	St Michael's	SSSJ's
PCC				
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	Mary Quayle	Kath Crossley	VACANCY
PCC Rep 4	Andrea Gibbons			
Stewardship Team/Finance & Standing Committee				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Rob Tyler	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Tim Goddard	Rachel Bridge	Anne Cheetham	Sam Bowerbank
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
Pastoral Action Team				
Pastoral Rep 1	Sheila Smith	Lesley Durosomo	Elaine Guest-Evans	VACANCY
Pastoral Rep 2	Catherine Lee			
Mission Action Team				
Mission Rep 1	Andrea Gibbons		Margaret Brockie	Nadia Osypanka
Mission Rep 2	Catherine Lee	Rob Tyler	Kath Crossley	Deborah Urmston
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	Deb Lyons	Lesley Durosomo		

Electoral Roll Officer: Elaine Guest Evans

P. C.C. Treasurer: Lesley Durosomo

P. C. C. Secretary: Andrea Gibbons

P.C.C Chair Andrew Gibbons

Vice Chair: Stella Crank

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

PCC REPORT

2022 was another exceptional year as we dealt with resignation of the Team Rector and trying to recover to pre pandemic services. It was good to return to face-to-face school assemblies, Junior Church and Messy Church.

The PCC met 5 times during 2022 to oversee the work of the action teams and to consider major issues within the parish.

For financial information see the reported accounts

Rev Mark Cowling resigned as Team Rector in the summer of 2022 leaving th parish in interregnum. The congregation have worked tirelessly to maintain services

With the 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.

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 REPORT

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.

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.

St Catherine's – Urban Outreach Summer Lunch Club at Church for children.. And ministry to the Thursday night congregations.

St Michael's –We restarted in future Summer Concerts and World Café and see the primary school make excellent use of the church for educational visits

PASTORAL TEAM REPORT

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.

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 supported by Lesley Durosomo 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

PCC Secretary (2024)

Lesley Durosomo

Date: April 2022

Seven Saints, Bolton

Statement of Financial Activities

Financial Year: 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	46,289.36	1,340.00	0.00	47,629.36	50,510.27
Charitable Activities	24,844.56	35.59	0.00	24,880.15	16,638.72
Investments	8.63	0.00	0.00	8.63	219.90
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	2,545.85	0.47	0.00	2,546.32	10,462.42
Total incoming resources	73,688.40	1,376.06	0.00	75,064.46	77,831.31
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	51,879.42	0.00	0.00	51,879.42	52,770.35
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities	4,036.16	3,319.78	0.00	7,355.94	24,914.24
Support	2,626.00	3,181.66	0.00	5,807.66	6,779.99
Total resources used	58,541.58	6,501.44	0.00	65,043.02	84,464.58
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	15,146.82	-5,125.38	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Fund Transfers In	8,814.25	3,969.54	0.00	12,783.79	22,773.72
Fund Transfers Out	12,753.00	30.79	0.00	12,783.79	22,773.72
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	11,208.07	-1,186.63	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	11,208.07	-1,186.63	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	11,208.07	-1,186.63	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Total Funds Brought Forward	45,901.54	62,141.66	0.00	108,043.20	114,676.47
Total Funds Carried Forward	57,109.61	60,955.03	0.00	118,064.64	108,043.20
Represented By					
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	8,110.82	0.00	0.00	8,110.82	10,579.19
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	1,267.39	0.00	0.00	1,267.39	1,178.75
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,404.80	0.00	0.00	1,404.80	1,823.94
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.25
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	12,455.62	0.00	0.00	12,455.62	5,542.68
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	11,150.78	0.00	0.00	11,150.78	3,198.98
TMCP (St Catherines) (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,177.49	0.00	26,177.49	26,385.94
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	4,824.96	0.00	0.00	4,824.96	6,650.19
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	845.78	0.00	845.78	1,487.73
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,663.52	0.00	0.00	10,663.52	10,660.45
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	541.14
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,668.56	0.00	4,668.56	4,668.09
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	944.16	0.00	944.16	991.38
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	866.30	0.00	866.30	866.30
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	0.00	-24.33	-24.33
Ground Breakers (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,117.44
Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	1,833.81	0.00	1,833.81	2,810.01
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	1,948.01	0.00	0.00	1,948.01	983.65
Staffing Support (Restricted)	0.00	2,262.38	0.00	2,262.38	2,262.38
St Michaels Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	977.75	0.00	977.75	0.00
St George with St J Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	812.93	0.00	812.93	0.00
St Catherines Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	1,024.73	0.00	1,024.73	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 31st December 2022.

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 April 2023