THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON ST. JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

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Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-09-15
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: In line with the general activities as specified by the Church of England.

Classification

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

Geography

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

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£173,031	£264,036	-	-
2023-12-31	£125,923	£132,034	-	-
2022-12-31	£118,114	£116,837	-	-
2021-12-31	£144,543	£137,826	-	-
2020-12-31	£77,745	£82,634	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev HEATHER ATKINSON	Chair	2017-04-23
Allyson Brown		2022-05-29
Angela Adams		2019-04-09
Ann Barlow		2022-05-29
COLIN JONES		2017-04-23
Carol Cliff-Wilcock		2022-05-29
Christopher Fryer		2023-04-30
Dr SUSAN ANN CHADWICK		2013-11-21
Dr Vanessa Martlew		2022-05-29
Elizabeth Cooper-Clark		2023-04-30
George Merrill		2022-05-29
Helen Jones		2019-04-09
Lynn Lloyd		2022-05-29
MR JOHN TIMMS B.SC (HONS), C.ENG, MRINA		
MR RICHARD WILBERFORCE		2013-11-21
Michael Collins		2017-04-23
Ron Jones		2022-05-29
SALLY GILES		2017-04-23
SARAH LOUISE MERRILL		

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Accounts

The Parish of New Brighton: St James with Emmanuel

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2024

Aim and Purpose

The Parochial Church Council of St James with Emmanuel (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Heather Atkinson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus,
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of both the Churches. St James' Church is a grade 2 listed building which we have a legal obligation to maintain. It is also on the Heritage at Risk register.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services, not only on Sundays, but also during the week, that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Week one:	Holy Communion at 9.30 (Emmanuel) All Age Service at 11am (St James) Choral Evensong at 6.30pm (St James)
Week two:	Morning Prayer at 9.30 (Emmanuel) Holy Communion at 11am (St James) Open Table Inclusive Communion at 4pm (Emmanuel)
Week three:	BCP Holy Communion at 8am (St James) Holy Communion at 9.30 (Emmanuel) Holy Communion at 11am (St James)
Week four	Parade Service at 9.30am (Emmanuel) Holy Communion at 11am (St James)

If there is a fifth week in the month there is a 10am service which alternates between the two churches.

Unless stated, services are based on Common Worship: Open table which uses more inclusive liturgy started in April 2024.

In 2024 there were 153 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 53 of whom live outside the parish.

The average Sunday attendance at 9.30am Service at Emmanuel on Sundays has increased to 34, with 18-22 at the Thursday services. There are 13-23 children who attend the monthly Parade Service, 39-53 adults. The number attending both churches increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas

Open Table usually has 13-18 attendees though more at the Pride Service.

The average Sunday attendance at the 11am Service at St James has increased to 45- 50. These numbers increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. The average attendance at Choral Evensong is 30-40.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There has been one baptism at St James, two funerals at each church, and five crematorium services. There have been no weddings during the year. There is an average of three children attending at St James and three at Emmanuel.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. There is a team of pastoral visitors, and in addition, many receive Holy Communion in their own homes, taken by a team of Sarah Maxwell, Liz Cooper Clark and Ron Jones, together with Rev Heather. A monthly Holy Communion Service is also held in Lighthouse Lodge Care Home, averaging 15-18 communicants.
We continue to film most of our Sunday services for those unable to get to church. These are uploaded to our YouTube channel. Numbers fluctuate on a weekly basis and increase at special times of year. Choral Evensong is our most watched service, and subscription has also increased to the channel.

Diocesan Strategy

The PCC had an away day on 3rd February 2004to discuss the new Diocesan Strategy which is still being developed in 2025. This looks at 'blessing 1.5 million lives, one life at a time'.
Rev. Heather introduced the Diocesan Vision, providing some background into how it was formulated, before discussing the strap line and the seven key points identified as being important to the people of the diocese.
The initiatives and undertakings of the last twelve months were celebrated with a breakfast and time of fellowship.
The morning continued to explore the sub themes from 'Together in Christ, Sharing Hope' in small groups.
Blessing 1.5 million lives, one life at a time
Suggestions
- Look at publicity-social media/leaflet drop
- Local community need to see us as 'normal'
- Community wants to use the building but doesn't engage with worship:- How do we bridge the gap?
- The building layout is important
- 'spaces' are not an end in themselves – we need to refresh our message
- What did the disciples do-look to their example of going to the people
- Open the north porch at St James
- Have large/relevant poster which can be read from cars & buses on Victoria Road side.
- Welcome table/spaces after church for refreshments.
- How do we nurture newcomers?

Transformative loving service (in practice)
Suggestions
- Repeat events/service which went well-e.g. RNLI/Guide dogs
- Develop worship following Good Friday crafts
- We do offer a variety of different services
- Establish a link person for groups-nurture new believers
- Emphasis should be on : to **proclaim the good news of the kingdom & to teach, baptise and nurture new believers.**

Engaged locally, working together in loving generosity

Suggestions

• We should be outward looking doing more perhaps with the deanery and the diocese
• Join with the community on some annual events-carol singing etc.
• Work with Seabank Road shops at Easter/ Christmas trail/treasure hunt?)
• Be careful not to proliferate services for different groups which may cause fragmentation of church community

Build on the links we already have: Wallasey Gardening Society, Composting works, Caring for God's Earth

- School curriculum links, Uniformed organisations, Coastal Committee/ New Brighteners/RNLI- (suicide prevention)
- Bridging the Wallasey gap/Churches Together, Remembrance Sunday Committee
- Food bank
- Heritage hub, Art exhibition space
- Newly formed Lighthouse Lodge.

Key messages/priorities from discussion

1. To develop our use of social media
2. Explore how can we improve what we already do?
3. Strengthen relationship with shops on Seabank Road

The diocese mission strategy has developed four main areas which are being looked at. These are:-

• Growing our Missional Health - helping each worshipping community (of which parishes are a main constituent) grow in their personal discipleship to Jesus Christ, and their mission together in their local community
• Increasing our Missional Reach - helping each worshipping community to reach those key demographics in their local context who are not currently part of their worshipping community - in particular this is about helping us becoming younger and more diverse
• Planting new Missional Communities - helping each worshipping community to be inspired to plant one new worshipping community by 2030, and looking at specific strategic planting / collaborative mission opportunities
• Developing Missional Leadership - encouraging and supporting our existing leaders (ordained, licensed, employed, volunteers), and creating the pathways to ensure that we can grow, train and release more people into missional leadership.

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Wallasey Deanery Synod. In May 2024 Helen Harvey and Maureen Hennessey stepped down and were replaced by Sue Chadwick and Fred Aspbury. Lesley Folkard replaced Fred later in the year when he went on vocational training.

Deanery synod provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.

Wallasey Synod usually has three meetings every year each beginning with a time of worship.

Meetings in 2024 were held on -

- 8 February at Emmanuel
- 22nd May at St Thomas' Church Liscard
- 10th October at St Pauls Seacombe

At each Synod, Deanery news and prayer is an important item. Items for prayer are shared in groups of 4 or 5 and time is spent in prayer for some of these issues. These prayer needs are compiled into a list after

the Synod and distributed by email so that the ongoing needs of all the churches in the Deanery can be prayed. We usually have a speaker at each Synod and a small amount of business takes place.

The guest speaker at the February meeting was Fr Timothy Hupfield who discussed Healing as Mission and in October Rev Simon Chesters brought the Diocesan Vocations Team.

At the May meeting, Helen Harvey stepped down as lay chair and was replaced by Lynsey Lawrence from Christ Church Moreton.

Church Fabric

St James:

The purpose of this report is to describe the structural condition of the Church building, and to assess the state of the furnishings and embellishments.

The building is examined on a regular basis by the Churchwardens and occasionally by our architect. As far as can be established from these visual examinations, the main building remains sound, with no serious signs of settlement, there are however a number of deficiencies that have been noted in the recent mandatory quinquennial inspection. These will be addressed as part of the ongoing restoration of the building as funding becomes available.

The furnishings are generally well cared for by a dedicated group of helpers, and thanks are due to these people for all their hard work.

Following the stonework survey carried in out in January 2024 by Halestone, work was carried out on the south transept rose window. This was a major exercise because the window surround actually supports the gable wall above it, and the transept roof, so the scaffolding had to be specially designed to act as a support during the works.

The general condition of the tracery of all the ornamental windows continues to give us concern. work is urgently needed on the north transept lancet windows and the west windows in particular

The parochial church council has sanctioned a small committee of people who understand the various grant approval processes, thus we are researching and making applications for a large grant. If this is forthcoming we will be able to carry out refurbishment of the plasterwork, upgrading of the gutters and downspouts, and many other projects that are being considered to improve the building, not just as a church, but also for the community outreach which we try to achieve.

General maintenance has been carried out during the year. Helen and I are grateful to Sue Chadwick and Rob Jones for their assistance in contacting and meeting tradespeople when necessary.

The fire appliances within the church have been serviced by Claughton Fire Protection of Birkenhead, and all portable electrical appliances are tested annually in accordance with the current regulations.

Our insurance for the building and contents remains underwritten by Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Chester Diocesan Advisory Committee we have, after many years of discussions with them, obtained permission to partially remove the paint that was applied during the refurbishment carried out in the 1980's. This paint, which was recommended at the time, was impervious, so the building could not breath. This together with some badly designed guttering replacements has led to the flaking paintwork which has been noticeable for many years.

The walls in the toilet area have been stripped to allow them to dry out following major water damage caused by defective rainwater goods. (This was done in 2025)

A John Timms, Churchwarden

Emmanuel
The church building fabric is generally in good shape and appears watertight at present.
The church silverware and 'ornaments' are checked annually against the inventory then being signed by the wardens and incumbent.

The main work completed during 2024:

1. Duel flush systems fitted to the toilets.
2. Removal of partition wall of the two toilets in the reception area to form one larger space for easier wheelchair access and baby changing facilities added, as there is now room for a pushchair.

My heartfelt thanks to those who have worked on the planters at the side of the church bringing nice colourful displays during each season.

The statuary annual inspections are being monitored:

- Heating systems and boilers serviced
- Electrical system inspection due this year
- Annual Portable Appliance Testing has been carried out
- Fire extinguishers serviced.

The garden and grounds of the church remain challenging but my thanks to Gordon for the work he has put in during the last year in managing the front garden.

The church architect carried out the Quinquennial inspection this year, the report is still awaited at time of writing. However, work that needs to be carried out is the pointing of the porch red brickwork.

A huge thanks to all who help in the smooth running of everyday church life, sidespersons, refreshment servers, those who clean and whole host of other work that often goes on in the background, you are all most valuable to the warden.

Some 'wishful' projects:

- Paint the inside of the church
- Renew the heating system in the hall
- Upgrade the heating system of church
- Manage the grounds

Colin Jones (church warden)

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.
Our monthly magazine now has a print run of some 200 copies and gives details of what is coming up, and reports on previous activities. We ask for contributions of £6 per year to cover the cost of this 20-page magazine which not only goes to subscribers but it is also left in more public locations.
It is important to go outside of the church as well as invite people into church. Examples of this are:

- Alpha course

- Hot cross bun give away with prayers on the street
- We are trying to be better in advertising
- Occasional Office and Special Services. More people attended Light up a Life this year. Guide Dogs for the blind have been asked to think about what they would like to do. RNLI, Remembrance at the Cenotaph. Rev Heather is chaplain to RNLI and RBL
- Monthly Home communion started at Lighthouse Lodge in 2024
- Youth Group continues monthly,
- Tots services at special times of year at Emmanuel
- Crafts at Christmas with Christmas Tree Service and Good Friday now has a small service following it. Rev Heather received a letter from one of the children attending this who had been touched by the service afterwards.
- We tried Messy Church at St James
- Testimonies encouraged and sharing faith stories.
- Interaction at New Brighton Pride with a service and Open Table services began. This has been a healing journey for some.
- Online community has grown from 175 to 209. Choral Evensong being our most popular.

Care AND Fellowship

- Welcome Wednesdays at St James and Saturdays at Emmanuel help with community links and pastoral care.
- We have a Home Communion Team. Rev Heather is part of this but also has to be available for anyone in the wider parish and as Rural Dean for the other clergy and churches in vacancy.
- People in church are in pastoral groups.
- Funeral families are asked if they would like follow up.
- Foodbank and Bridging the Wallasey gap, Wirral Debt Advice.
- Electoral Roll
- The general pastoral care of everyone and prayers after the service.

Spirituality

It has been said that we have more different kinds of services in the deanery. The only one we don't have is a contemporary and charismatic service.

Financial Review

The contribution to the Diocesan 'Parish Share' – which helps towards the cost of stipends and housing costs for the clergy. So far, we have been able maintain our practice of giving 100% of the amount requested.

Whilst overall our financial position is still healthy, total expenditure exceeded income once again in 2024, and for the first time in many years it was necessary to subsidise the General Account from the Legacy Account. The essential restoration of the Rose Window involved major outlay from both the Restoration Account and the Legacy Account, but we are fortunate to have been able to draw on these reserves and for the income generated via a variety of fundraising both this year and in the past. On a more positive note we continue to be supported by a generous congregation who largely donate by standing order.

Looking at the accounts in more detail:

General Account

This is our main account for both receiving income and paying bills. Whilst total expenditure appears to have remained relatively steady since 2023, it should be noted that the PCC took the difficult decision not to donate directly to charities in 2024 due to financial constraints, thus a comparable figure would show a rise of around £7,000 in expenditure on this account.

The areas of greatest expenditure are the parish share, which increased by over £3000, insurance for both buildings, and the cost of gas and electricity. Unfortunately, heating use at St James, both in the church and vestry areas, has seen a considerable increase pushing the overall total for such utilities (including Emmanuel) to nearly £15,000. These three items of expenditure together exceed £91,000 a figure in excess of givings.

One welcome change is that the new photocopier contract has resulted in lower bills for both general use and the production of the parish magazine.

Givings via standing order and the blue envelope scheme showed some increase, perhaps partly in response to the PCC's letter to the parish in October 2023. However, a decrease in weddings and funerals, partly due to the scaffolding and organ wrap at St James, led to a reduced income in PCC fees.

Last year for the first time I included an entry for 'digital givings' to reflect use of the QR code, donations through the website etc and it is pleasing to see an increase in giving via this method, although cash in any form is still the most efficient way to give.

The overall gap between income and expenditure in the General Account was around £20,000 and it was not possible to meet this entirely from reserves in the current account so a transfer from the legacy was necessary as mentioned above, and this should not be seen as 'income'.

Fabric Reserve Account at Emmanuel

2024 again saw higher than normal expenditure on this account due to the decision to create a fully accessible toilet in the coffee area. The work was mostly funded from a generous donation by the late Maureen Marlowe who returned to Emmanuel in the latter years of her life. Fundraising, in the form of Summer and Christmas fairs, produced nearly £2,500 for this account and it is now possible to support Emmanuel through online purchases and the easyfundraising platform.

Repairs Account at St James

Expenditure on this account was similar to 2023, and consisted mostly of routine maintenance and testing, together with frequent plumbing issues. The church received a small legacy and once again profits from the Green Fair were shared between the Repairs account at St James and the Fabric Renewal Account at Emmanuel. A number of donations were received this year and some fundraising in the form of 'Welcome Wednesdays', largely in order to finance a handrail to improve access to the vestry area, which it is hoped will soon be completed. Due to the overall lack of income, it was once again necessary to supplement this account from the Legacy Account by £5,000, and this will need to be repeated in 2025.

St James Restoration Fund

This is the final year that this fund has been managed by Trevor Thomas and we are very grateful for all his hard work and meticulous record keeping. Trevor reports:

After a period of a few years of little activity of work being carried out on the building, 2024 became a year of having to make urgent remedial repairs. It had been anticipated that the next phase of work would be carried out on the north side of the church in order to improve the drainage of rainwater from entering the building. However early in the year masonry began falling from the area around the west windows and also

the area surrounding the rose window on the south side of the church. A survey established that the priority was the poor state of the masonry on the south side rather than the west side. Shortly after the repairs commenced in August and upon removing the stained glass from the window the condition of the glass was found to be more precarious than had been anticipated. This has resulted in the completion date being extended by about one month. The parish were not able to obtain a grant from the Lottery fund as on previous occasions but were successful in obtaining two smaller grants totalling £19,900, details of which are shown in the accounts. Therefore, the majority of the monies used in order to finance the work carried out has had to come from our reserves in the Restoration Account, built up over years of fundraising, and it was also necessary to transfer £50,000 from the Legacy Account in order to meet the contract price. It's possible that a further smaller sum may be required to cover the extra work that was necessary for the glass repairs but the major payment for this phase is now complete.

There could be a further blow to our restoration efforts if the Government decides not to renew the scheme which allows the parish to recover VAT on the work carried out. This would increase the cost of all future restoration and repairs by 20%. The current scheme has been renewed for one year with some restrictions and is due to end in March 2026.

A final point to report is that we now receive donations from a variety of sources other than the traditional method of cash/cheques etc being handed over to the parish. New methods include QR codes which are found in the parish magazine and website, there is also a "CollecTin" located in St James which can be used to make donations via credit or debit card.

Churchwarden's Legacy Account

As usual there was little activity here other than the aforementioned transfers to other accounts. Whilst the cash element is now much reduced we have been able to hold on to our shares and these continue to provide a useful income. We continue to value this account as a reserve in case of unexpected outlay or if income continues to dwindle in the General Account.

Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth

Once again expenditure on this account has been shown as that relating to young church (Sunday School and Messy church) separately to youth work. There have been modest increases to both but the account is underpinned by an investment in shares which has risen to over £9,600 providing a good fund of money for any future activities planned for children and young people.

Review of Resources

The parish continues to find itself in the fortunate position of having sufficient funds for all foreseeable events. However the excess in expenditure over income on the General Account is of some concern. Whilst this is a relatively small proportion of overall income, we cannot sustain this indefinitely.

Looking at the balance of all of our accounts in total, there is a large excess of expenditure of £91,000 but this is due to phase 3a of restoration getting underway. With rising costs, and a relatively static congregation, the PCC will, as always, need to be prudent and is aware that there may be difficult times ahead. We remain extremely grateful for the continued generosity of parishioners.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to keep a considerable sum in the unrestricted account as a cash balance to offset the many and varied needs of the two church buildings. This is usually at least six months unrestricted payments and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of approximately £20,000 in the General Account at the end of 2024 together with nearly £35,000 on

deposit with CCLA in the Legacy Account just about conforms to this policy. However it will probably be necessary to liquidate some shares in 2025 if current trends continue.

The two restricted funds: Reserve Account at Emmanuel and Repairs Account at St James, exist to cover the costs of maintaining the physical buildings. Whilst the Reserve Account at Emmanuel holds ample funds for the coming year, the PCC is aware that the Repairs Account for St James now needs to be supplemented from other funds or fundraising. The parish is fortunate to have a legacy, largely invested with the CCLA, which provides investment income for the parish and is also available for larger projects, or to supplement maintenance when necessary.

Sally Giles January 2025

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). We have taken up the diocesan safeguarding dashboard, created a separate email address for safeguarding and we are in the process of ensuring that all members of the PCC are trained in basic and foundation safeguarding. Awareness of domestic violence has just been added to the portfolio of training required for the PCC. The team has helped with supporting two cases in 2024.

Report on the Electoral Roll of the Parish

This year sees the full revision of the roll that takes place, by law, every six years. This relatively long period between full renewals of the roll often means that considerable changes occur in the period between them and this year is no exception. Based on the forms returned during the period of revision, which ended at the beginning of May, we now have **a total of 107 members** on roll at the two churches. I must thank the parish secretary for all her diligent work in ensuring that as many members as possible were contacted either by email or post so that their forms could be returned and their membership confirmed. I feel that there will still be some members who have not returned forms and I will briefly consider this as part of this report. It is still possible to rejoin the roll, but this will have to be completed at the next PCC Meeting.

You will notice that the membership is considerably lower than the figure of the last few years which varied between about 145 and 160. I will attempt to explain why this is the case. I said in my opening that considerable changes can occur between the full renewals. Changes of circumstances and addresses do not always reach the church and we often have to rely on word of mouth. Once again, the parish secretary works hard to keep me informed of such changes. Some are obvious, such as the passing of regular members, but many other changes, for example of address, are not discovered until a full revision. For many of the congregation, a move of address is made in order to be nearer to family or to go into some kind of care. If this is outside the parish and the person can no longer attend worship, they cannot be entered on the electoral roll. Similarly, those members who live reasonably locally, but still outside the parish, have to be able to attend church, so if transport becomes unavailable to them for any reason, they have to stop attending.

The lifestyle of people can change over this period as can their own personal faith. Members who do not feel that they can be church members either generally (because of a change in their beliefs) or do not attend church cannot be enrolled, Neither can those who would be prevented by regular employment or family commitments at the weekend. Again, these changes are not always reflected in the annual renewal

of the roll, especially if the member is not attending church. It is not until documentation is required that changes are noticed.

One particularly significant factor affecting our membership, and it affects the membership of almost every social and spiritual organisation in the land, is Covid-19. This developed less than a year after the last full revision of the roll in 2019 and affected the church quite badly. You will remember that we closed completely for a while, then had restricted entry and seating. Services were streamed. a practice which continues, and things took a long time to get back to full normality. Like many organisations, we found that we had lost members. People were less willing to congregate in large numbers and had found alternatives during lockdown which they found more acceptable or convenient, such as the streamed services.

All this goes to make our core roll smaller. We can estimate the numbers who have left the roll because of their passing, moving away or more personal reasons, but at first sight it does look to be quite a significant reduction. Hopefully some, whom we have not been able to contact, will rejoin, but it is encouraging that there are new members joining at both churches. Many of these newcomers are taking a part in the activities of the church and we hope they find fulfilment as full members. One factor, linked to the legal requirements of the electoral roll listing, is that we have at least five retired clergy worshipping with us at different times. They are not allowed to join the roll.

I hope that the present roll reflects the active membership of the church and all those members will take a full part in the work of Christ and his body, The Church. The next few years are going to be challenging and we need a committed and vibrant membership who will be able to take the decisions necessary to ensure the future of both our churches.

I apologise that I am not available at the meeting, due to holiday, but I am sure that the secretary can answer any general points about the roll. We work closely on the compilation of the roll and keeping it up to date. I am back later in the week and can sort out any problems then.

Stephen Cottam

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers who are coopted members, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met six times during the year, The average level of attendance was 70%

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Parish Development, Safeguarding , Eco Church, Buildings (BRICs and Inspire), Finance, and Youth Work. Each subcommittee reports to the full PCC, with the minutes of their meetings.

Administrative Information

St James Church is situated on Albion Street New Brighton CH45 9LF, Emmanuel is situated on Seabank Road, New Brighton and both are part of the Deanery of Wallasey in the Diocese of Chester

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2024 until the date this report was approved were:

Rev Heather Atkinson.	Incumbent
Ron Jones	Reader Co-opted
Mike Collins	Reader Co-opted
Elizabeth Cooper Clark	Reader Co-opted
Sue Chadwick	Deanery Synod until 2026
Lesley Folkard	Deanery Synod until 2026

St James Church

Helen Jones	Churchwarden
John Timms	Churchwarden

Allyson Brown	Until 2025
Angela Adams	Until 2026
Lynn Lloyd	Until 2026
Vanessa Martlew	Until 2026
Richard Wilberforce	Until 2027

Emmanuel Church

Colin Jones	Churchwarden
Vacant position	

Carol Cliff Wilcock	Until 2025
George Merrill	Until 2025
Sally Giles	Until 2025
Ann Barlow	Until 2026
Chris Fryer	Until 2026
Sarah Merrill	Until 2027

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2024

2023	Expenditure		2024
£	General Account	£	£
64923	Parish Share	68169	
2583	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2734	
1353	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	2022	
401	Wine, wafers, candles,	258	
10327	Heating, Lighting & Water	14698	
8227	Insurance Premiums	8736	
3579	Organist's fees	3293	
869	Refreshments /Cleaning Expenses	613	
1009	Photocopier rental and use (excl magazine)	186	
1298	Sundries	1173	
842	Magazine Costs	686	
1433	Vestry phone and internet	1383	
975	Music Worship Expenses	918	
6030	Contribution to Charities Account	100	
408	Website	42	
0	Alpha Course	396	
0	Contribution Vicars replacement phone	665	
0	Eco Church Silver Award plaques	192	
597	Vestry PC	0	
176	Renewal of white lines outside St James	0	
105,030			106,264

2023	Income		2024
£	General Account	£	£
52,238	Net Gift Aided Givings	55,817	
1,184	Direct Givings Schemes	833	
4,424	Other Givings	4,445	
56	Digital Givings	760	
14,710	Tax Recovery on Givings	15,161	
72,613		77,016	
1,697	PCC Fees	467	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel £ 3877		
4,163	Lettings:- St James £411	4,288	
56	Interest	95	
943	Magazine sales and advertising	801	
2,294	Refreshment sales	1,559	
0	Transfer from legacy account	10,000	
0	Energy donations from Wirral Foodbank	2,400	
2,300	Warm spaces grant for heating	0	
84,066			96,626

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
3042	Bailey & Birch Ltd – fire alarms & PAT	608	
92	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	50	
210	Able Group drains	0	
150	Elmwood Boiler service	150	
0	Architect fees	360	
198	JABirch & Son Church Maintenance	0	
0	Elmwood toilet rebuild	6537	
0	Baby change	210	
80	Roof/structural Repairs	0	
117	Locksmiths	0	
820	Replacement shed	0	
456	Dual flushes on all toilets	0	
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0	Proper Geeks reset	65	
49	Microphone repair /replacement	0	
5,311			8,631

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
349	Donations	300	
2,187	Fund Raising	2,460	
599	Interest	700	
130	Ecclesiastical Insurance donation	0	
222	Eco Fair/Green Day Proceeds	229	
0	Easyfundraising website	78	
0	Legacy	5,000	
0	Tax Recovery	1,267	
3,487			10,035

110,341	Expenditure Carried Forward	114,895	87,553	Income Carried Forward	106,661

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2024 (Continued)

2023	Expenditure	£	2024 £
110,341	Expenditure Brought Forward		114,895
	St James Restoration Fund		
0	David Wells sheeting organ	1203	
0	Ecclesiastical Additional Insurance Premium	516	
22	Heritage Weekends expenses	0	
300	Gift for Guest Organist	0	
259	Concerts Expenses	115	
130	Cream Tea Expenses	141	
21	Temporary License Fee	21	
0	Mather & Ellis Contractor fees	115644	
0	BTP Ltd Architects fee	14313	
0	Hailstones Limited – Masonry Survey	3780	
0	Temporary Fencing	208	
732			135,941
	Repairs Account @ St James		
123	General church maintenance	202	
356	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	786	
1260	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	1308	
286	Replacement dehumidifier	0	
450	Gardening and tree removal	80	
90	New signage	0	
1224	Organ Tuning	408	
128	PAS Sound Engineering repairs	102	
80	Replacement projector screen	0	
78	M Lewis gas / plumbing	132	
50	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	109	
0	Reactive Plumbing – toilet issues	330	
0	DMB Window repair	275	
0	GCS Boiler service and thermostat issues	522	
0	Replacement garden shed	660	
0	Wirral Drainage toilet issues	180	
624	Furber Roofing	408	
4,749			5,502
	Charities Account		
2584	The Church Overseas	928	
1196	Home Missions	2778	
5225	Secular Charities	974	
9,005			4,680
124,827	Expenditure carried forward		261,018

2023	Income	£	2024 £
87,553	Income Carried Forward		106,661
	St James Restoration Fund		
2,374	Gift Aid pledges	2,462	
2,720	Donations	2,916	
1,125	Tax recovery	1,185	
4,910	Fund Raising	6,833	
1,151	(LPOW) VAT Recovery	23,492	
0	Garfield Weston Trust - Grant	15,000	
0	Transfer from legacy account	50,000	
0	Benefact Trust Ltd – Grant	4,900	
0	Miscellaneous	16	
12,280			106,804
	Repairs Account @ St James		
0	Donations	300	
149	Interest	144	
51	Organ Use	0	
130	Ecclesiastical Insurance donation	0	
222	Eco Fair/Green Day Proceeds	229	
5,000	Transfer from legacy Account	5,000	
0	Projector Use	111	
0	Legacy	500	
0	Fund Raising	95	
5,552			6,379
	Charities Account		
1,262	Collections in Church	1,019	
6,030	Transfer from General Account	100	
1,713	Other Charitable Collections	3,561	
9,005			4,680
114,390	Income carried forward		224,524

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON -ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2024 (Continued)

2023	Expenditure		2024	2023	Income		2024
£		£	£	£		£	£
124,827	Expenditure brought forward		261,018	114,390	Income brought forward		224,524
	Churchwardens Legacy Account				Churchwardens Legacy Account		
1745	GCS - C/Heating Service Contract St James	2301		10,802	Interest	12,967	
5000	Transfer to St James Repairs Account	5000					
0	Transfer to SJRF	50000					
0	Transfer to General Account	10000					
6,745			67,301	10,802			12,967
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth				Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
299	Youth outings and resources	372		345	Interest	417	
163	Messy Church / Sunday School resources	200		172	Christmas/Easter crafts	123	
0	Books for Y6 Leavers NB Primary	145		50	Donations	0	
				164	Fundraising Dec 2022	0	
462			717	731			540
0	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		0	6,111	Excess of Expenditure Over Income		91,005
132,034			329,036	132,034			329,036

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

Liabilities and Fund Balances

2023		£ INCOME	£ EXPENDITURE	2024
£				£
	Fund Balances			
	Unrestricted:			
19,711	General Account	96,626	106264	10,073
239,558	Churchwardens Legacy Account	12967	67301	185,224
	Restricted:			
10	Charities Account	4680	4680	10
2,179	Repairs Account	6379	5502	3,056
13,767	Fabric Reserve Account	10035	8631	15,171
4,919	Vicars Discretionary Fund for Youth	540	717	4,742
73,247	St James Restoration Fund	106804	135941	44,110
353,391		238031	329036	262,386
7,822	Monies Held On Account			7,417
361,213				269,803

Assets

2023		£	2024
£			£
	Church of England		
	Central Board of Finance:		
152,000	Shares at Cost	152,000	
	(Value as at 31/12/24 = £312,152.28)		
110,209	Deposit Fund	56,192	208,192
100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
	Cash at Bank:		
98,904	Current Accounts	61,511	61,511
361,213			269,803

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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL
CHARITABLE GIVING

2023 £	Charity Payments	2024 £	2024 £
	Collections in Church		
0	Children's Society	321	
893	DEC Turkey/Syria Quake appeal	0	
368	RNLI NB	550	
0	Christian Aid (Archdeacon's Visit)	148	
1,262			1,019
	Other Collections		
346	Wirral Foodbank (includes Bread & Spread)	1792	
148	Leprosy Mission	140	
105	Barnabas Fund	0	
0	Claire House	423	
651	Christian Aid	640	
463	RNLI NB	0	
0	Fun, Food and Friendship /BWG	465	
0	A Rocha Eco Church	100	
1,713			3,561

2023 £	Direct Contributions from General A/C	2024 £	2024 £
560	Christian Aid	0	
560	Claire House Hospice	0	
30	St Andrews Building Fund	0	
560	Wirral Debt Advice	0	
560	St John's Hospice	0	
560	Water Aid	0	
560	Tear Fund	0	
560	Wirral Churches Ark Project	0	
560	RNLI (New Brighton)	0	
560	Wirral Women and Children's Aid	0	
200	New Brighteners	0	
135	Daily Bread Ministries	0	
500	DEC Appeals	0	
125	Inclusive Church Network	100	
6,030			100
9,005			4,680

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Notes 2023	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2024
£		£
605	Vicar's Fund	605
1608	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1518
449	Church Ball	449
452	Choir Fund	1456
324	Lighting Project	368
2604	Bread & Spread Project	1797
465	Fun food and Friendship	0
91	PCC Away Day	0
1224	SJ Garden Fund	1224
7822		7417

2023 St James	2023 Emmanuel	Analysis of Fundraising	2024 St James	2024 Emmanuel
£	£		£	£
0	745	Summer Fair	0	621
0	1,442	Christmas Fair	0	1,839
617	0	Inspire Blue Tube	260	0
624	0	Swing, String and Sing	0	0
0	0	Neil Diamond Concert	1,015	0
10	0	Christmas Card opt out scheme	79	0
1,387	0	Organ Concert	0	0
1,025	0	Folk Night	0	0
412	0	Sales of Preserves, Chicks etc.	1,256	0
214	0	Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekends	245	0
0	0	Paragliding sponsorship	1,128	0
621	0	Cream Tea	417	0
0	0	Pancake and cookie sales	546	0
0	0	Glad rags and Handbags	386	0
0	0	Georgina's Sponsored Walk	150	0
0	0	Old English Night	846	0
0	0	Quiz Night	505	0
0	0	Welcome Wednesday	95	0
4,910	2,187		6,928	2,460

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2024

2023	Expenditure		2024
£	General Account	£	£
64923	Parish Share	68169	
2583	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2734	
1353	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	2022	
401	Wine, wafers, candles,	258	
10327	Heating, Lighting & Water	14698	
8227	Insurance Premiums	8736	
3579	Organist's fees	3293	
869	Refreshments /Cleaning Expenses	613	
1009	Photocopier rental and use (excl magazine)	186	
1298	Sundries	1173	
842	Magazine Costs	686	
1433	Vestry phone and internet	1383	
975	Music Worship Expenses	918	
6030	Contribution to Charities Account	100	
408	Website	42	
0	Alpha Course	396	
0	Contribution Vicars replacement phone	665	
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560	Water Aid	0	
560	Tear Fund	0	
560	Wirral Churches Ark Project	0	
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560	Wirral Women and Children's Aid	0	
200	New Brighteners	0	
135	Daily Bread Ministries	0	
500	DEC Appeals	0	
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6,030			100
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0	0	Pancake and cookie sales	546	0
0	0	Glad rags and Handbags	386	0
0	0	Georgina's Sponsored Walk	150	0
0	0	Old English Night	846	0
0	0	Quiz Night	505	0
0	0	Welcome Wednesday	95	0
4,910	2,187		6,928	2,460

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON ST. JAME

England & Wales - Charity number 1138041

Accounts

2023 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council
St James and Emmanuel Churches, New Brighton

Aim and purposes

St James with Emmanuel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Heather Atkinson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St James with Emmanuel. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and the Parish Development Group (a subgroup of the PCC) makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Ministry to young people is developing. Our youth group based at Emmanuel on a monthly Monday has seen some growth from five to eight members through invitation to the uniformed organizations and Megan's friends. For a couple of them, this is their church. The all-age service, which entails a lot of work, has continued throughout 2023 and Messy Church which also requires hard work and a team of people from both churches led by Helen Jones started in September 2023. Baptism and hamper families continue to be invited but with little uptake. We need to investigate the reasons why they are not engaging. Parade Services have continued in 2023 and have been well attended with encouragement from Colin Jones. Our participation in Bridging the Wallasey Gap has enabled us to continue working with families whether delivering hampers or inviting families to collect their hampers from the member churches which gives them a chance to participate in activities and have some spiritual input, similar to Messy Church. (See Organisation Reports.)

Vision of our Leading your Church into Growth Plan (LyCiG)

The Parish has a mission statement: -Together in Prayer, Worship, Community Care and Outreach. The aim is to be a growing church both in spirituality, numbers and unity and to be confident in our faith through the engagement of the mission statement. The Diocesan vision statement is

Together in Christ, Sharing Hope

When planning our activities for the year, we have continued working on the **Leading Your Church into Growth** (LyCiG) plan which we initially developed together as the Lent group back in 2018. This document is flexible, developmental and transformative. We invited the former Childrens Missioner to a PCC away day in January 2023 which resulted in new ideas, which have been implemented during the year. People can openly suggest other ideas which can be taken to the PDG to develop. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and church family.
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St. James and Emmanuel

A) Worship, Mission and Church Buildings

Aims: - To continue to be welcoming churches and encourage worship across all ages.

As well as our usual services, which are filmed for online viewing, children are helping to make the choice

of hymns in the All-Age service and different things have taken place and experimented with: craft activities for all, group discussion at the request of some members of the congregation. A children's corner at St James continues to be enjoyed by all the children attending. The Youth Group for 11+ at Emmanuel (See group reports) and Rev Heather holds a simple service at special times of year for Carers and Totts.
We held a Healing Service at Emmanuel, involving Rev Chris Turner, from St Mary's. A few people came from churches together. We also have offered healing on the streets around Emmanuel and the shops and delivered hot cross buns around the parish, around Emmanuel and going down to the front via various routes, offering people a chance for prayer which was taken up by many. The use of Testimonies in services continues and also in the Parish Magazine as part of everyday faith. Carol Singing around the streets also took place.
Special services for the Coronation were held at both churches last May.
A new screen for St James has been approved by the PCC but has since been put on hold. We had previously looked at Christ Church Moreton, St Peter's Heswall and St Mary's Eastham. Three quotes had already been already obtained and have been updated by AV Practical, the company chosen. The balance of sound at St. James has been reviewed and adjusted.

B) Care and Fellowship Aim: To deepen existing relationships and build on our links with the community. This will enable transformation to happen on different levels.

We need to ensure that pastoral care is ongoing, with the congregation working together. Revd. Heather cannot always see everyone so asked for volunteers to help with home communions and general pastoral care. Safeguarding and DBS checks were implemented for the team which consists of Rev Heather, Ron Jones, Liz Cooper Clarke, Fred Aspbury and Sarah Maxwell, those who are housebound were contacted to see if they wished to have home communion. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure a growing church still feels cared for. Rev Heather has different areas of involvement of which pastoral care plays a part in. We need to work on further developing the pastoral care groups already started. Rev Heather, Ann Barlow and Sue Chadwick have continued to ring members on the electoral roll supplementing the work of the pastoral groups.

Funeral follow up: - Bereaved families are asked if they would like to have a post funeral visit. Bereavement visits where necessary are continuing.

Welcome people moving into the area: A welcome pack for community and visitors to church is still under development to be finished in 2024. This will extend pastoral care to the newest members of the community and gives presence. New people will understand how the church works better.

Emmanuel remains on the Places of Welcome scheme for the Saturday morning session. St James did for part of the year on a Wednesday with Tea and Toast. These sessions are part of the Warm Spaces initiative continued in 2023 until March. The Craft group commenced on a Tuesday lunchtime and continued throughout the year. They held a simple Christmas Service.

Revd. Heather is also a member of the Coastal Committee which has continued to meet via Zoom and later in person. The local RNLI let Rev Heather know when they have been called out so that they can be included in prayer has continued. Rev Heather is available for pastoral visits with the RNLI staff. From initial conversations with the RNLI and the Council regarding help notices at 'honeypot 'places along the river have now been implemented. A fundraising event was held during the Coronation weekend for the RNLI as part of the Big Help. The uniformed organizations held a BBQ for the community. Grace was said.

An ECO committee was formed in January 2023 and later in the year, a successful ECO green day in

partnership with existing community members in the field took place. The New Brighteners also took part in a Sunday service. Charlotte Brightside also used the church and gardens for several afternoons during the summer.
Social suggestions from the congregation are part of future planning.

Rev Heather, Rev Fran and Rev Richard met with the local Pride organizer and built bridges and relationships which resulted in Rev Heather being invited to take part in the Pride Opening Ceremony.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Charitable giving, Foodbank Distribution Centre at St James, and AA meetings at St James are examples, the latter meeting in the narthex due to an increase in numbers and the need for ventilation. Fun Food and Friendship ran fortnightly during the summer holidays, allowing families to pick up fresh groceries as part of Bridging the Wallasey Gap. *(See Part 2)*

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to subscribers and available at both churches and several outlets in the parish of New Brighton. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Rev Heather and Reader Liz Cooper Clark went door knocking around both churches inviting local people to the Coronation events.

A small group with Rev Heather and Reader Ron Jones offered prayer on the streets and visited shop keepers. Hot cross bun give out also gave an opportunity for people to be prayed for.

Mount Primary School attended in December for their lesson 'Why Jesus is called Saviour'

Rev Heather and Mike Colins are part of the Remembrance Committee.

c) Prayer and Spirituality: Aim to deepen existing faith within the congregation and to enable the community to know that they can ask for prayer.

- Testimony and Bible Notes will help, links to apps etc. Many use Bible notes and Heather has let people know about Lectio 365 App which is a great resource for morning and evening prayer. Anyone can take part at Fred's house 9.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.
- To encourage prayer for the church and growth. A bookmark of LYCIG prayer and times of all services has been made and will now be put out, which includes details for children and families.
- To mention any useful courses in the pew sheet. (Ongoing) Members of leadership teams have been completing safeguarding courses online and as has Revd. Heather (Ongoing)
- The Lady Chapel at St James and votive candles continue to be used as a practical place for prayer for all who come.
- A Prayer walk around the parish boundary with printed high vis jackets for the leaders and picnics happened in the summer (flyers with service time make it become missional): We revisited the Pride Event in New Brighton at the Floral and also walked along the prom and give out leaflets which promoted our first Pride service showing that we are Pride friendly.
- House groups. The Vicarage House group met in person during the year.
- Monthly Prayer group at St James has continued to meet online and Heather's WhatsApp group has continued in this format. Anyone can join (See Rev Heather or Angela Adams for further information.
- Practical Prayer board at St. James.
- Thy Kingdom Come encouraged us to be praying for five people to come to faith.

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- Sam Rowan started his last year of ordination training and will become a curate in Rock Ferry in 2024. Fred Asbury is further on in his exploration of ministry and went to the selection event in 2023. He is hoping to start ministry training in September 2024.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer Statistics

Revd. Heather has continued filming and editing as some members of the congregations are still worshipping online, via our YouTube channel. We currently have 175 subscribers. The annual statistics required by the Church of England now asks for the on-line statistics as part of the parish picture. Choral evensong is the most watched with 100 -300 views. Special services are also highly watched.

The Lifeboat Service took place in October putting it back to the usual time at which the Glee Club were again present

Two weddings took place at St James in 2023 and one at Emmanuel We have now caught up with weddings delayed due to covid

Two baptisms and one thanksgiving service took place at St James with one candidate for confirmation

Nine funerals took place at St James, none at Emmanuel in 2023 and eight funerals took place at the Crematorium.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 150 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll following the revision in 2023.

Christmas: A Carol Service was held at St James with 96 people attending, a large increase on last year with only a slight increase to 48 from 43 who attended at the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, which was down on last year and represented the amount of illness prevailing in the congregation at the time. At Emmanuel, the Christmas Tree service and Christmas crafts took place and were both well attended. The Christingle service also took place with 167 attending which is a huge increase on the 109 the previous year so we are now back to our usual figures pre-covid. The other advent Services at Emmanuel (Christmas Tree, Ladies Fellowship and nativity) were well attended as usual. Members of both congregations took to the streets near Emmanual to sing carols which was well received. This year we had musical accompaniment by Ann Hinchcliffe who also played for the Churches Together carol singing at Asda.

Easter saw 68 adult and 5 children attend at St James and at Emmanuel 42 adults and 3 children attended.

Parade Services have been well attended since Colin Jones gave an encouragement to parents.

On average, the adult attendance at St James in 2023 was 42 with an average of 3 children, occasionally attendance reaching 54 on a usual Sunday. At Emmanuel the average increased from 29 to 32 with the mid-week remaining steady with an attendance of 21. A service of BCP Holy Communion continued on the third Sunday in the month and also first Wednesday in the month at St James. The midweek BCP Holy Communion is the better attended service.

Choral Evensong has recovered post covid with figures usually about 34 in attendance reaching even higher on special occasions.

Messy Church started in September 2023 with a gentle start of 5 families. 10 families in total have attended but not always on the same week

Light up a Life took place as usual in early December and also Special Lives as usual in late October.

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Deanery Synod Meetings 2023

Maureen Hennessey and myself, Helen Harvey, were the lay representatives of the parish at Deanery Synod at the beginning of 2023. At the last APCM, I decided not to seek re-election for another 3-year term, after doing 9 years in the role. Maureen Hennessey also decided to step down. Sue Chadwick and Fred Aspbury agreed to take up our places. By virtue of the fact that I am a member of Diocesan Synod (until June 2024), I was automatically still a member of Deanery Synod and I agreed, last June, to continue to support the Deanery as Lay Chair until this year's APCMs take place in our Deanery.

After each Synod, our parish reps report back to our PCC. The purposes of Deanery Synods are to share information amongst local churches, pray for each other, bring together the views of the parishes in the Deanery on common issues and make known provisions made by Diocesan and General Synods. Our parish is allocated 3 representative places, corresponding to the number on our electoral roll, so we have a vacancy for another rep. If you feel that you could take up this vacancy, please have a chat with Reverend Heather.

Wallasey Synod usually has three meetings every year each beginning with a time of worship.
Meetings in 2023 were held on -

- 8 February at St Chad's
- 15 June at St Nicholas with All Saints
- 5 October at St Mary's

At each Synod, Deanery news and prayer is an important item. We call it **S**haring **Y**our **N**ews **O**r **D**ates. Items for prayer are shared in groups of 4 or 5 and time is spent in prayer for some of these issues. These prayer needs are compiled into a list after the Synod and distributed by email so that the ongoing needs of all the churches in the Deanery can be prayed. We usually have a speaker at each Synod and a small amount of business takes place.

On 8 February, Rev'd Nikki Eastwood from St Mary's Upton gave us an update on the Living in Love and Faith process. Nikki sits on Chester Diocese Bishop's Council as our diocesan LLF lead and reports into the National Group on LLF. She had just returned from General Synod where discussions on LLF were ongoing and important voting due to take place on whether there can be church blessings of same sex couples. She reported that The College of Bishops had asked for feedback to the issues raised in the study books and videos on LLF and consequently 6,000 responses had been received. Nikki read a letter that the bishops had recently written to apologise for the treatment of LGBTQ+ people by the church. "For the times we have rejected or excluded you, and those you love, we are deeply sorry," …. "the occasions on which you received a hostile and homophobic response in our churches are shameful and for this, we repent."
Nikki took questions and said that each church will need to consider their response to the proposals.

Other items discussed were Wallasey Christians Against Poverty needing more support, Diocesan Synod of 5 November, Vision Cafes

On 15 June, Rev'd John Helliwell, Mission Adviser in the Diocese, had been invited and spoke to us on " Helping Evangelism be a normal part of how we do church". His presentation was based upon some interesting and informative slides from the book" How to nurture a faith-sharing culture". The main points of the presentation were –

Culture is about how things are done around here. Making small changes can have a big impact over time. There are 7 core shifts which can be made to encourage faith-sharing.

i) Engage with God – reinforce the Gospels, talk about Jesus.
ii) Pray for 5 people to know Jesus – as in the Thy Kingdom Come context.

iii) Refocus your intercessions – pray for people by name and be outward-looking.
iv) Practice faith conversations – be able to talk about your own faith journey.
v) Tell faith stories - where have you seen God at work.
vi) Resource faith sharing – give people the tools and training.
vii) Budget for Mission – as we do for charitable giving /set money aside.

Other items discussed were the need for a new Lay Chair from mid-2024, a Deanery Secretary to take over this role, Alan Ward explained that Heather Atkinson would take over from him as Rural Dean on 30 June and he asked for prayer for the interviews shortly taking place for a new incumbent at Christchurch, Moreton. We looked at what had taken place at Diocesan Synod of 25th March which included the decision to change the age at which children can be admitted to Holy Communion from 8 years to 5 years.

On 5 October, our guest speaker was Rev'd Debbie Wilkinson, Mission Lead for Wirral Waters and Associate Minister of priory Parish talking about **"The Well at Wirral Waters".**
She was licensed to this role in May and began by explaining to us something about herself and her family and her ministry and calling which brought her and her husband James to serving in Birkenhead; him as a Church Army Officer. Wirral Waters is a Peel Holdings Development which they describe as being the largest and most exciting regeneration project in the UK. The plan is to build up to 13,000 new homes with associated environmental improvements, cycle routes etc. to create a sustainable environment for both businesses and people to flourish. Chester Diocese has a 5-year commitment to be a worshipping Christian presence in the area.
The faith community now numbers about 25 people who meet weekly on a Wednesday evening at the Sales Office / The Well. Debbie outlined how she felt that the hub should be called The Well by opening the scripture of John 4 to us. The group there are sharing in prayer, fellowship and listening to how God wants them to proceed. Debbie's most interesting talk to us was illustrated with slides of the area.

Other items on our Agenda were the Diocesan CMS system, the Deanery Secretary vacant role, Lindsey Lawrence (from Christchurch) was elected to take up one of our vacant laity places on Diocesan Synod and we had a report on the Diocesan Synod of 17 June. This concentrated on Bishop Mark's presentation on the Diocesan Vision process … " Together in Christ, Sharing Hope "

The first Synod meeting of 2024 was planned for 8 February at Emmanuel.

Helen Harvey

St James Church: A Report upon the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The purpose of this report is to describe the structural condition of the Church building, and to assess the state of the furnishings and embellishments.

The building is examined on a regular basis by the Churchwardens and occasionally by our architect. As far as can be established from these visual examinations, the main building remains sound, with no serious signs of settlement, there are however a number of deficiencies that have been noted in the recent mandatory quinquennial inspection. These will be addressed as part of the ongoing restoration of the building as funding becomes available.

The furnishings are generally well cared for by a dedicated group of helpers, and thanks are due to these people for all their hard work.

A blocked vestry toilet drain was attended to efficiently in the autumn by Reactive Plumbing and Drainage.

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The broken boiler fan was replaced was also replaced in the autumn by GCS Solutions as part of the twice yearly service.

The Standing Committee have reviewed the maintenance and installation method used for the polycarbonate window covering. Following discussions with our architect this led to a stonework survey being carried in out in December 2023 by Halestone. Their report highlighted the poor condition of the south transept rose window, and led to the creation of a phase 3a restoration phase in the new year. We applied for a diocesan grant in December towards maintenance of the church but have yet to hear if we are successful.

General maintenance has been carried out during the year including some small repairs in the north porch, kitchen and to blocked and overflowing guttering. We are grateful to Sue Chadwick and Rob Jones for their assistance in contacting and meeting tradespeople when necessary.

Slates were also dislodged from the east roof of the north transept by the winter's storms, also from the south east corner of the nave roof. Repairs were satisfactorily carried out by Furber Roofing of Wallasey, who are well experienced in this class of work.

We have purchased a screen for use in the narthex.

The old lighting in the church continues to cause problems. Failed lighting units have been replaced with LEDs on an ad hoc basis and throw up further visibility problems. Consideration is to be given to the improvement of illumination in certain areas of the church when we get to that stage of the restoration.

The fire appliances within the church have been serviced by Claughton Fire Protection of Birkenhead, and all portable electrical appliances are tested annually in accordance with the current regulations.

Our insurance for the building and contents remains underwritten by Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

A John Timms, Churchwarden

EMMANUEL FABRIC REPORT for 2024 APCM

The church building fabric is generally in good shape and appears water tight at present.
The church silverware and 'ornaments' are checked annually against the inventory then being signed by the wardens and incumbent.
The main work completed during 2023 was the upgrade of the lighting. All the lights in the church and church hall were changed to energy efficient LED bulbs. These are recommended by the Diocese in an effort to reduce the church carbon footprint. The church is brighter and the hall is dazzling and, in time, will reduce the energy consumption thus reducing electricity bills.
At the same time the ageing emergency lighting packs were replaced, again with LED systems.
More recent work, that will feature in next year's report is changing the toilet flush systems to dual flush to reduce water consumption.
The volunteers who tend the planters on Seabank Road requested if they could fit a water butt so they have water to water the planters without them bringing their own. We obliged and allowed them to fit two at their cost.
My heartfelt thanks to those who have worked on the planters at the side of the church bringing nice colourful displays during each season.
The statuary annual inspections are being monitored:

- Heating systems and boilers serviced
- Electrical system inspection not yet due.
- Annual Portable Appliance Testing has been carried out
- Fire extinguishers serviced.

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The garden and grounds of the church are challenging and becoming more so as shrubs and trees continue to grow. We do not have the gardening enthusiasts now it seems, as we used to have. Age is probably a major factor. Unless it gets some serious attention, it will become more wild and even less manageable.
Some 'wishful' projects:

- Paint the inside of the church
- Renew the heating system in the hall
- Upgrade the heating system of church
- Manage the grounds

Colin Jones (church warden)

Safeguarding

Children were welcome and safe in the company of Jesus, and children and people at risk should be safe in Christ's Church. The Diocese of Chester and all its churches are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. Safeguarding is everyone's business, and the Safeguarding Team is available to discuss any concerns at any time. In 2023, the team consisted of Revd. Heather, Sue Chadwick, Gill Walduck, Cath Tunstall, Helen Jones and Helen Harvey. PCC Members are obliged to take part in the Diocesan Safeguarding training. One item was investigated during 2023 with a satisfactory outcome.

Electoral Roll

This is another of those years in which the roll is simply revised using the existing roll as a basis. A major revision of the roll is scheduled for next year (2025/6) but this year the roll is simply compiled using any amendments of which I am made aware through the year.
Our numbers have once again remained stable. There are now **151** members on the roll as at the date on this report, actually the same as last year. As we are obliged to do under ecclesiastical law, we have had a period of revision prior to the annual meeting, but if any regular church members are still not the roll and wish to be, then I can supply a form which can be completed and returned to the PCC. It is possible that members miss the revision for some reason which can cause their membership to lapse. May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that only members listed on the current electoral roll are entitled to vote at church meetings where important decisions could be taken. Rolls will be available at both church sites and can be consulted at any reasonable time.
I hope that I have managed to keep this information up to date and amend the roll accordingly, as people's personal circumstances change. I do, however, apologise for any distress caused by the inclusion of any deceased persons. New applications which have come in through the year have been dealt with according to the ecclesiastical regulations. Please check the roll following as soon as possible, especially if you are a new applicant to ensure you are listed. It is quite possible that I have still included persons who for some reason are no longer active members of the congregation. Any help from the congregation in this area would be appreciated as we do not always hear when people pass away especially if they move out of the area or have lost regular contact with other church members.
Once again, I would thank all members of the congregation who have helped to ensure that the electoral roll is kept up to date and for the parish secretary who has ensured that we comply with all the necessary legal and ecclesiastical protocols.
We have some applications to join which have been received during the revision period. These will be completed at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

Steve Cottam , March 2024

Ecumenical Relationships

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The Foodbank team at St James works together with members from Claremount Methodist Church assisting those needing food. Bridging the Wallasey Gap is a good example of working with 5 other churches. Revd. Heather has a good working relationship with Revd. Lorraine Aizlewood Threlfall at St Andrews URC which has continued and joint services were resumed in 2023. Emmanuel hosted the service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity. St James hosted the Agape meal and St Andrews Pentecost Sunday. Our churches are members of Churches Together in Wallasey. Rev Heather became Rual Dean in September 2023, taking over on June of that year.

Financial Review
Treasurers Report 2023

Overall, our financial position is still healthy and we are blessed in having sufficient funds to run two church buildings and a vast array of services and activities throughout the week. It should be noted total expenditure over all our accounts exceeded income by just £6,000 in 2023. However, with the prospect of some major expenditure becoming necessary at St James in the coming year the picture may be very different in a year's time, hence the PCC's letter to the parish in October. On a positive note, the value of our shares started to increase again and accounts invested with CCLA received considerably more interest than in previous years.

Looking at the accounts in more detail:

General Account

This is our main account for both receiving income and paying bills. Total expenditure increased by £10,000 compared to 2022 but income dipped by £2,000 leaving a gap of almost £21,000 (a widening of the £9,000 shortfall in 2022) which was met by reserves built up in previous years.

The main issue was the increase in gas and electricity bills at both churches due to the end of the three-year fixed price contracts we had been enjoying. Our total expenditure on these commodities doubled in 2023 from £5,000 to £10,000 and this dwarfed other increases such as Parish Share and insurance. Costs for the website appear to increase but this is because licenses for 2021 and 2022 were not invoiced to us until late in 2023, hence previous figures were artificially low. It became necessary to replace the aged PC in the vestry but most others costs were comparable.

Givings via standing order and the blue envelope scheme remained at almost the same level as 2022 and for this we are very grateful, but there was a noticeable reduction in cash givings. This may be a reflection on the cost of living or due to trend away from carrying cash, it is hoped that the opportunity to donate by cashless means using the QR code will help going forward and for this reason I have created an entry for 'digital giving' in the accounts. This relates to donations only and does not include card use at the Christmas Fair for example. PCC fees reduced reflecting fewer funerals in 2023, but lettings again increased. The church benefited from a generous grant for the operation of Warm Spaces in 2023 and this offset the increased heating costs to some extent.

Fabric Reserve Account at Emmanuel

2023 saw higher than normal expenditure on this account due to modifications to lighting and toilets to make Emmanuel more fuel efficient and sustainable, this is in line with our bid to be an 'Eco Church' and in terms of electricity should yield lower bills in the future. The Tots shed in the garden had become dangerously unsafe and needed to be replaced but was partly funded by generous donations shown under income. Fundraising again produced over £2,000 for this account.

St James Restoration Fund

Another very quiet year with little activity on the finances of the account, the only expenditure being that

related to fundraising events. Income through fundraising and donations significantly increased compared to 2022, and this is greatly appreciated as we approach a period of further restoration with the commencement of phase 3a in 2024.

Repairs Account at St James

Expenditure on this account was similar to 2022, and consisted mostly of routine maintenance and testing, together with three visits by the organ tuner. The parish received two donations from Ecclesiastical Insurance as a reward for parishioners taking out policies with them, and these, together with the unexpected profits from the Green Fair, were shared between the Repairs account at St James and the Fabric Renewal Account at Emmanuel, hence you may notice what appears to be a duplication of entries. Due to the overall lack of income it was once again necessary to supplement the Repairs Account from the Legacy Account by £5,000, and this will probably be necessary again in 2024.

Churchwarden's Legacy Account

As usual there was little activity here. We continue to value this account as a reserve in case of unexpected outlay or if income continues to dwindle in the General Account. In 2024 some of this money will need to be used for urgent restoration and repair work at St James.

Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth

Expenditure on this account has been recorded slightly differently so that amounts spent on young church (Sunday School and Messy church) can be seen separately to youth work. The value of shares attached to this account rose to over £9,000 by Dec 2023 providing a good fund of money for any future activities planned for children and young people.

Conclusion

The parish continues to find itself in the fortunate position of having sufficient funds for all foreseeable events. However, as can be seen in the balance sheet, there was an excess in expenditure over income on the General Account of around £21,000. Whilst this is a relatively small proportion of overall income, we cannot sustain this indefinitely. Looking at the balance of all of our accounts in total, the excess of expenditure is reduced to £6,000 but this is due to the funds building up in the SJRF and these will be spent once phase 3a begins. With rising costs, and a relatively static congregation size, the PCC will, as always, need to be prudent.

Sally Giles, February 2024

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church enable to be an open presence under difficult circumstances. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens John Timms, Helen Jones at St James' and Colin Jones at Emmanuel who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and all members of the various subgroups: Choirs at both churches, PCC, PDG, Cleaning Team, Refreshments Teams Admin Team. Thanks to Rev. Marcus who preaches once a month and our readers Ron Jones, Mike Collins and Liz Cooper Clark for their support.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St James with Emmanuel, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens from both churches, three readers who were co-opted at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and members

elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 65%. The APCM for 2022 was held in May.
Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include The Parish Development Group, Restoration Management Committee and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and reporting back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St James and Emmanuel Churches are situated in the parish of New Brighton which is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Albion Street New Brighton CH45 9LF. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Incumbent:	The Reverend Heather Atkinson (Chairperson)
Wardens:	Mr. John Timms and Mrs. Helen Jones (St James) Mr. Colin Jones (Emmanuel)
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs. Helen Harvey until APCM
Representatives on Deanery Synod	Mr. Fred Aspbury and Mrs. Sue Chadwick
Readers:	Mr. Ronald Jones, Mr. Michael Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper Clarke

Elected members: St James
Angela Adams
Allyson Brown
Lynn Lloyd
Vanessa Martlew
Richard Wilberforce

Elected Members: Emmanuel
Ann Barlow
Carol Cliff Wilcock
Sally Giles
Sarah Merrill
George Merrill

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Organisational Reports

Vicarage Housegroup

In 2023 we met fortnightly either in one of the quieter pubs in New Brighton or in Allyson's and Maureen's homes towards the end of the year. There are 9 members.
We have discussed various themes by Fr Richard Rohr which include, holiness, purity, the afterlife, who we are in Christ.
We have also started Bible studies on the popular series The Chosen.
We went to see three films 'Jesus Revolution' (this was an open invitation to the congregation) 'Corrie Ten Boon the Hiding Place' and 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' which had forgiveness and kindness as major themes.
Some members of homegroup went to the Filling Station, an evening of worship and prayer which is run on a regular basis.
We met for a shared meal at Christmas.

Vicarage Prayer Group

There are 6 members.
We have prayed using WhatsApp usually on Tuesdays but if this hasn't happened due to other commitments in people's lives, prayer requests have been sent to the group and we have prayed individually.
Heather does morning Prayer with Fred on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays unless there are other appointments. Other people can come if they wish. Liz and Ron have come at times.
Liz and I meet to pray at other times, often doing Evening Prayer together. Morning and Evening Prayer is an essential part of being a parish priest and where we pray for the parish and the congregation. It is great to be able to share this ministry now.

Vestry Prayer Group

Here is a very short summary for the year for the vestry prayer group.
Although it's not easy to pray together on zoom, we have met in this way on most occasions during the year.
Starting from the personal needs and concerns of all those in our parish, we have focused our attention on local, national, and international issues, and on the health of our planet, where having recourse to prayer is one way in which we hope to make a difference.
All good wishes,
Angela

Youth Group

The group is led by Heather, Liz & Tom.
We meet on Mondays at 6pm at Emmanuel church and begin the sessions with a meal together which enables us to catch up with what is happening in the lives of the young people(11-16) and is a great start to the evening. We finish at 7.30.
This last year has seen the youth group meeting on a monthly basis due to some of the older members having extra commitments towards school work in preparation for exams this summer.

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The number of young people attending has risen to 8 on some weeks but generally the group is around 4-5.
We have followed the Alpha Course for part of the year which was very thought provoking and led to some interesting discussions.
On other weeks we have focused on different topics, designed to question what faith is and how we can encourage God in our lives and feel his love and influence. Prayer, courage, self-identity have been some of the topics we have dealt with, but also some sessions have explored trust and teambuilding.
Not everything happens at Emmanuel, we have gone bowling in New Brighton and also attended the pantomime, Cinderella at The Floral Pavilion. We have also experienced a musical evening which was based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens and attended a musical production of Mathilda performed by pupils from Weatherhead School on their campus.
In our September session we looked at Who God Is? Through a variety of games and discussion, using the bible to familiarise ourselves with the text and to see what he has done for us and all people.
In October we looked at the role of Jesus. Who he was and what part he played in our lives. We referred again to the bible and to what happened in our own lives that gave us the confidence to believe in him.
In November we recapped on the last two sessions and asked what God is? What Jesus is? We also took part in an number of games and did a quiz based on the nativity story to see what was real and what wasn't real and there were some surprises.
We began the New Year with a prayer walk. Walking from Emmanuel Church to Morrison's where we managed to get a cup of hot chocolate. Starbucks was shut which was a real disappointment! The walk was successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all those that took part. We were pleased to take our faith out onto the streets.
Our numbers are growing slowly but whilst on our prayer walk we prayed that more young people would join the group over the coming year. Pray with us that this will happen Amen.
Liz

St James Foodbank Distribution Centre

Since the pandemic, we have found our numbers remain down but that is largely because Seacombe Children's Centre is now open for three days a week and St Vincents Centre in Birkenhead is open 5 days. We usually help 3 families a week.
Whilst the food comes pre-packaged from the warehouse into child and adult packs, we give clients more choice by the many additional baskets we put out each week. We continue to give bread, spread and eggs to all clients coming to St James and so remain grateful for the donations we receive to cover this.
Thank you to all our volunteers from St James, Claremount Methodist and those who just come along to help, some like Nick Hilton who comes every week. Whilst we are not a particularly busy centre, we are so pleased that we can once more help families in need.
Sue Chadwick

Fun Food and Friendship/Bridging the Wallasey Gap

We still managed to support needy families in school holidays in 2023 by again joining forces with the other churches that form Bridging the Wallasey Gap to apply for grants from Wirral Council (using funds from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund). We ask our 12 local primary schools to each nominate 10 families in greatest need each holiday period. We use the funds obtained (usually £20k from each of the 2 funding rounds each year) to provide hampers of food and activities direct to families thanks to Lorraine Aizlewood Threlfall from St Andrews and Sand Colin Gillooly. During the

summer, fresh produce was purchased by member churches and families were then invited to church to pick up their hampers and offered a small meal and craft activities.
Member churches: St Alban's, St Joseph's, St James and Emmanuel, St Andrews, St Mary's, Seacombe United Churches

Sue Chadwick

Parish Development Group

The Parish Development Group consists of equal representations from both churches which looks at all aspects of the parish plan and adapting thereof, which looks at mission, worship, pastoral care and community engagement. It includes Leading your Church into Growth and Diocesan Vision. It is chaired by Reverend Heather and Readers Ron and Liz also attend. Rev Fran Skinner attended in the early part of 2023

St James Members: Angela Adams, Sue Chadwick, Helen Harvey to April, Vanessa Martlew, Helen Jones
Emmanuel Members: Ann Barlow, Rob O'Neill, Sara Sullivan, Cath Tunstall

Because it meets bimonthly alternating with the Parochial Church Council, it allows for debriefing and planning in a timely manner, particularly looking at major events such as Christmas and Easter and of course assisting with national events such as celebrating the Coronation of King Charles in May. It has been involved in supporting Open Table planning. We have continued our journey on becoming an eco-friendly church.
Minutes of PDG meetings are sent to the Parochial Church Council.

Sue Chadwick

Parish Eco Church Group

Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK, a charity seeking to assist churches in caring for God's creation. Churches reflect on their worship, buildings, use of land, community engagement and lifestyles and in so doing try to improve their care for the environment. Changes such as LED lighting and dual flush toilets have been incorporated at Emmanuel, whilst St James has become part of a local composting scheme.
As part of our efforts the first Green Fair was held at Emmanuel in October. Speakers included Energy Projects Plus and the New Brighteners. There were stalls on green themes, local producers and ethically sourced goods and a home-made soup lunch. It is hoped that this first venture can be built upon in the future.
In 2023 both churches achieved a Bronze Award and are now working towards Silver. The Eco Church group comprises folk from both Emmanuel and St James and would welcome new members.
Sally Giles

St James Restoration Management Committee

The RMC had to get to grips with the fact that Kay Kendall of the NLHF virtually ruled out our application for a capital repair grant. Capital projects were dismissed as a side issue.

The premise that we are improving and conserving the heritage of the Church had insufficient clout with the main emphasis on actual engagement and participation with groups of people who would not normally be involved and in a restoration project with external contractors this is not practicable.

It was agreed to move to Plan "B". Adrian Pearson prepared costs for a much pared-down phase of work, to be largely funded from the Church's restoration fund and by applying for external minor grants which

offered funding for repairs.

The garden development and relocation of the stained-glass window and provision of interpretation panels would be removed from the schedule, concentrating on just what was necessary to eliminate damp intrusion.

This meant that the garden development plan would continue independently as much good work has led to significant improvements in the Church Yard.

The revised cost estimate from the architect was £220,634.

Later in the year, Sheena Wilson, newly appointed as the Buildings for Mission Advisor from Chester Diocese, visited St James. She was fully appraised of the problems we face. She gave some advice for funding sources.

At the end of the year several building issues had arisen that required immediate attention.

Following some wild and windy weather there was serious evidence of degraded stonework falling from the Rose window on the south transept and increased detritus from the west window. This was considered so severe that areas within and without the Church have been cordoned off for safety reasons.

Advice was taken from our architect regarding close inspection and a report from a specialist stonework contractor to cost the necessary repairs.

The position of chair the RMC was relinquished by John Codling at the end of 2023 due to health issues.

John wants his thanks to be recorded to all members of the RMC and especially Adrian Pearson, our long serving Church Architect.

John Codling

RMC Chair (Retired).

St James Garden Project

Community activity in the garden last year:

Involvement from Charlotte's Brightside, who donated some materials from their old site in Molyneux Drive (now based in the former Community Centre in Hope St.), including a shed. Staff & youngsters from the charity enjoyed using our outside space during the Summer Holidays, on pre-booked dates.
Community composting scheme began in earnest, under the guidance of Minna from the eco-charity "Compostworks"; around 25 households from the immediate area are using this facility, as a way of recycling un-cooked kitchen waste, as well as "dry" waste, eg shredded cardboard or paper. This scheme prevents a great deal of household waste from going to landfill. When the composted material in Bin 1 was revealed in mid-March '24, the rich, organic compost (for gardeners, at least!) was a marvel to behold. Some of the compost has already been shared with fellow composters, and some has been stored, ready for use in Spring planting. Minna has now formally handed over the running of the scheme to the Parish Compost Team, although she remains on hand for advice.
Young people from the local LIFE School, Victoria Rd., helped out on a number of projects, eg weeding, setting up some bird boxes, cultivating potatoes, sowing wild flowers, watering (and eating!) the tomatoes. They also sanded & varnished the newer bench, so that it could be placed outside. This was particularly welcome on Coronation Day, for the picnic in the garden.
On-going work in the garden has been carried out by George (mainly mowing, a weighty task, which he carries out so skilfully, and some valuable clearance work), local gardener Brigid, one of our neighbours, who has planted a number of shrubs & bulbs over the last year, as well as some of the containers, with me as assistant. We aimed for a patriotic red/white/blue scheme in the planters, which we felt was appropriate in a Coronation year. The small apple trees which Brigid & I have planted, adjacent to the

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Vicarage are about to blossom as I write, offering nectar for pollinating insects. Parishioners may also have noticed that Brigid has removed a great deal of ivy from the church walls (Fowell Road & Albion St.), so that potential damage to the stonework can be avoided.

In the Autumn, we noticed that one of the old sycamore trees, close to the Victoria Rd. wall, had died. This posed a serious threat to pedestrians and/or vehicles, as well as the church wall, and with seasonal storms approaching, a local tree-surgeon was engaged to cut it down.

Wallasey Gardening Society continues to meet at St James, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Members conducted the first Garden Show at St James in July '23; the exhibits made a wonderful sight in the Narthex. Some of the members manned a stall at the October Green Fair, making a valuable contribution to the proceedings. They welcomed the opportunity to join in with the Parish in this important field, and were glad to hear from the other Eco contributors. The WGS Committee expressed a wish to take part in any other similar event in future.

Going Forward

With urgent structural repair work due to begin at St James fairly soon, maintaining the garden will be a challenge. Areas near to the Albion St & Fowell Rd walls & the Mini-Orchard have been marked out as reduced mowing areas, to provide greater habitat for insects & invertebrates, protection for the small shrubs & bulbs already planted, and to allow further nectar-rich perennials/annuals to be planted.

And Finally….

Many church folk have assisted with donations of seeds, tools, pots, and help, so thank you all very much. John C can view the Composting Scheme as a real community success; to my knowledge, our scheme is currently the only one in North Wirral. Thank you also to Allyson Brown's family, for their kind gift of the solar -powered fountain, which provides a pleasant tinkling sound on a nice day. Appreciation must also go to John T, not just for his role as a regular Compost Champion, but also for his technical skills. Ally, as one of the Compost Champs, does an amazing job with that, too. Valuable support & advice from Helen H and Sue C is highly appreciated along with Anthony Bakewell; there are many aspects of this work which just cannot happen without them. (I hope I haven't forgotten anyone; many apologies if I have unintentionally left anyone out).

Let us thank our Creator for all of His bounty…and pray for soft rain & warm sunshine!

Lynn Lloyd

Emmanuel Arts and Crafts Group

Our first meeting took place on the 10th of January 2023. Seven ladies and four gentlemen came along. We agreed to meet on Tuesdays from 12.30 until 2.30pm. This continued for several weeks. The group was really enjoying the meetings and asked if we could stay longer, so now we finish at 3.30pm.

We do knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, painting etc. We also enjoyed a quiet day at Foxhill.

We have a caring, helpful group enjoying helping each other, and taking part in the 'Warm Spaces' project during the two winters.

We had a table at the Summer and Christmas Fairs, and also have had tables at the back of the churches displaying some of our products for sale/donation. We would like to thank those people who have donated many gifts of wool, material and equipment, which helped us produce many of the items on the tables.

Our numbers have increased since we opened and we hope to continue giving opportunities to those who want to learn new skills and contribute to good causes.

Ann Barlow

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Inspire Report

1.WIRRAL HISTORY & HERITAGE FAIR on Saturday 23rd March

Raised **£214.00** from sales of Lesley McLellan's Easter chicks plus heritage booklets. (total amount also includes booklet sales from Heritage Open Days as below *)

2.IAN TRACEY ORGAN RECITAL on 22nd April

Always immensely popular, Professor Ian Tracey was once again a sell out. The recital raised **£1,387**

3.MUSICAL CREAM TEA on Saturday 19th August.

An afternoon of superb music was provided by our own very talented pianist/organist Katinka Mitchell whilst visitors enjoyed a delicious cream.
A Bring-and-Buy Stall was also available. The event raised **£621.00.**

4.CHARITY FOLK NIGHT on Saturday 2nd September

Co-ordinated by Anthony Bakewell with John Owen. The musicians very kindly waived their fee which meant that we we able to raise **£1,025.00.** A splendid evening with music to suit everyone.

5.*NATIONAL HERITAGE OPEN DAYS: September 8th – 17th

6."SWING, STRING & SING" : on Saturday 18th November

A wide ranging musical evening including SingMe, The SpinOff Ukuleles & Tony Crotty. A thoroughly enjoyable evening which raised **£624.00**

A special **THANK YOU** goes to Lesley Mc. for the time & effort (plus expense) she spends producing these extremely popular items. **THANK YOU LESLEY.**

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS RAISED:

Preserves & Easter Chicks	**£412.00**
Christmas Card Opt-Out Scheme	**£10.00**
"inSpire" Blue Tube	**£617.00**

TOTAL RAISED FOR "inSpire" RESTORATION FUND = £4,910.00

As always my thanks go to the magnificent **"inSpire"** Team – Lesley McLellan, Angela Adams, Wendy Wilberforce, Rev Heather, Janet Budworth & Carole Hille for their hard work, creative talents and their time.

Julia Codling
"inSpire" Chair

Sunday Schools

Mustard Seeds at St James

Our Sunday School group is very small but faithful. We have three families who regularly attend church on a Sunday, and we wouldn't be without them. Our activities are usually based on the day's Gospel reading but we also talk about what is happening in church, answering the many asked questions as best as we can.

Our children add another dimension to our church family, often raising a smile at the end of a service when they share what they have been doing. It is lovely to see them growing in confidence when speaking at the front or reading a prayer.

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The highlight of our year must be the Queen's Jubilee weekend. Our services were lively and the party in the grounds later was so enjoyable on what turned out to be a very sunny afternoon.
Lynn continues to share leading the Sunday morning sessions with me. We would be delighted for any adult offers to lead Sunday School, especially now Messy Church is also being offered on a Sunday.
Please continue to pray for our children and the families within our local community.
Helen Jones

Young Church at Emmanuel

Unfortunately, we have struggled for numbers this year with up to 3 children but consistently only 1. This doesn't matter as any child willing to hear the word of God is worth planning for. As usual we have made gifts for the congregation for Valentines Day to remind everyone of Jesus' love for us. We helped with the flowers for Mothering Sunday and gifts for Father's Day. We also invited our community into church for Easter and Christmas Crafts which are always popular and getting the message to more children. At Christmas many stay and help decorate our tree with their families, which for many is the start of Christmas. My thanks go to everyone who helps out at these and for the Music group for playing our Carols.
We help at the church fairs, selling toys in the summer and helping Father Christmas at the grotto.
We had some sad news this summer as Carol Cliff-Wilcock decided to retire after many, many years. Thank you so much for everything you have done on a weekly basis, you have shaped many lives over the years and you will missed.
Thank you also for everyone's prayers each week and we pray for more children to attend. Also thank you to Cath for stepping in when needed and Carol for continuing to help when asked.
Sarah Merrill

Messy Church

Messy Church is a family time for having fun, for being creative, for exploring faith and for sharing a meal together. We were very excited to launch our Messy Church in September.
A willing band of helpers, from both churches, help to lead craft activities based on a bible theme. These are taken into church where the theme is developed further through worship and the worship area is dressed accordingly with child friendly artefacts.
The themes covered so far include The Mustard Seed, This Light of Mine, and Waiting. We are grateful to the PCC for funding the purchase of 'Follow The Star' advent calendars this year, enabling every child to hear the real Christmas Story.
A small number of families have joined us so far, but it is a beginning and with continued prayer and dedication we hope to grow.
Helen Jones

St James Choir

In accordance with recent annual choir reports, the activities relate to those within the calendar year of 2023. As much of the choir's work needs considerable forward planning, I cannot help it if I include a mention of some events scheduled for 2024 for which we are already preparing.
I think it is fair to say that we have reached as near the point of "Post-Covid normality" as we are going to get. There still seem to be more coughs and colds around and these take longer to clear up. All this makes even more difficult to plan for future events and services. Thanks must once again go to John and John

along with Katinka who together make a team that any church would envy. This ensures that our primary role, to accompany the liturgy at St. James, is fulfilled and we ensure that this is always done to the best of our ability using the available resources.

We sing at almost all the Sunday services and work closely with the clergy and readers to ensure that any new music is fully learned by all. One of our musicians finds recordings of many of the new musical items on sites such as U-Tube and circulates the choir. This saves time at rehearsals and choir members get to know the music more fully. Once a month we have choral evensong; usually with a setting of the evening canticles and an anthem as well as a psalm. Our congregations for these services have held steady over the winter and we hope for increases as the weather improves.

As well as regular services, we have special music for the main festivals of the year. Formerly in Holy Week we would sing a full passion cantata but in recent years we have sung an extended Evensong on Good Friday. Now it seems to have established itself and one is planned for 2024. We celebrate the joys of Easter Sunday with all the well-known hymns and an anthem, usually sung during the administration of communion.

In April we had a visit from Dr. Ian Tracey, the well internationally acclaimed organist at Liverpool Cathedral, who played a recital on our magnificent instrument. While a student in the 1970's Ian practised on this organ when it was in St. John's Church in Egremont. It now has a new lease of life at St, James after the closure of its original home just after the millennium. Several members of the choir were involved with putting this recital on and ensuring that the evening went smoothly.

In May we had our latest cathedral visit. Wakefield Cathedral in Yorkshire is not one of our most famous buildings, but it provided a magnificent setting for Evensong and we were made most welcome by the cathedral authorities. Our regular evening congregation, several of whom made the trip to Yorkshire, would have recognised some of the music which we had used earlier in the year at St James. A visit to Hereford is planned for 2024, again in May.

As part of our wider duties we sing at weddings and funerals. The latter are always sad events as many of those being commemorated are great friends of the choir. Two members in particular, were in this category this year.

The choir is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music which oversees music used within the Anglican liturgy both in the UK and wider afield. They organise many events during the year, usually a diocese-wide evensong with a variety of music both ancient and modern. Choirs will prepare music which may be unfamiliar to them and sing it in a cathedral setting along with other groups from their area. We took part in the Chester event in October and it was great to see such events back into full operation after the best part of four years' break. October sees the annual lifeboat service at which we give thanks for the commitment of our crew and all their supporters. We also joined with Emmanuel Choir in November to sing at the annual Cenotaph service on the promenade. This continues to attract large numbers of people, young and old, to pay tribute to our service men and women lost during the many conflicts in our recent history.

The singing of traditional carols and songs at Christmas time is still a part of many people's lives and the choir enjoys encouraging this at the carol service. Probably our biggest "outreach" of the year, we hope that our service will encourage those less regular members of our congregation to return to the Lord through the carols and readings appropriate the season. Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve is another service when we welcome those less familiar with our services and we try make them welcome with well known music.

A couple of events at which the choir takes an important role have become established in recent years. These are memorial events around All Saints' Tide and the "Light up a Life" service organised by St. John's Hospice. Both give us the opportunity to be part of a contemplative service (at which words are as important as music) when we remember those who were close to us, but whom we see no longer, and those who make their final months easier. The St. John's Service comes just before Christmas, a very

appropriate time for such sentiments.
I began with saying we are always looking ahead and we hope that the coming year will see the choir leading the music (and spoken parts) of the services and being involved in many of the activities of the church. These are sometimes joyous, often less so; whichever they are we hope that they will be undertaken to the glory of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Stephen Cottam

Parish Music Group

The band continues to practice once a week when possible and have continued to play at Emmanuel parade services and the annual Christmas Tree service. It was lovely to welcome a number of former young members joining us for the tree service, Ted, Milo, Esther and Rachael, some now married with children.
We would love to play at St James but as I have stated before, because we are now few in number, one person missing makes a huge difference to the sound, so if someone phones in sick on the day, the band sound will not be good. At Emmanuel there is a back up system but at St. James there would be no organist in attendance to step in.
During the year it was wonderful to welcome Marie to the band, adding a second guitar, always good to have two so there is cover if one can't make it.
Once again, my grateful thanks to the members of the band who diligently attend weekly practice, and as the band now consists of all adults, life can sometimes get in the way.
As always, anyone who plays an instrument would be most welcome to come and join us, this is a **Parish band**, not an Emmanuel band as sometimes it is referred. Providing you have some knowledge of reading music and have limited playing ability this is a good opportunity to regularly play with others and hone your gift, which is always better than playing on your own.
We practice in Emmanuel on Thursday evening, 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Currently the band consists of:
Keyboard
Guitar x 2
Trumpet
Saxophone
Clarinet

Colin Jones

Little Hands at Emmanuel

What a year we have had!
We have made excellent use of our brand-new shed, which was secured in place with a firm foundation and fully fitted out with capacious shelves and secure door fasteners by our friends Mark, Ann and Caroline … who also managed to purloin some sturdy vinyl covering for the floor. Unfortunately, it is such a homely place that Boris and Boris mark 2 have also taken up residence in it and this does cause some problems for our otherwise intrepid leader, Cath, when getting stuff out on a Monday/Tuesday and stuffing it back in after we are finished at Tuesday lunchtime. We are grateful to our arachnofearless Marcus for his help with the latter.
Staff wise we have struggled a bit because Kizzie has not been always able to join us and we are so grateful to Caroline for filling the gaps. We have so missed Kizzie and hope that she will be able to be with us more often next year.

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We have had some marvellous craft sessions led by Julie with the help of Marie and the children have enjoyed making Easter, Christmas, Valentine, and Mothering Sunday cards as well as bird feeders, party placemats and crowns.
We do enjoy going into church at special festive times and singing along to lovely songs Heather puts up on the screen for us and we had another interactive rendition of the Hungry Caterpillar at our "Graduation service" in the summer when we said goodbye to Ava, Noah, Talia, Reggie, Skip, Fox, River and Daisy. We wished them all God's Blessings as they started big school and/or nursery.
Please continue to support us in your prayers (both children, carers **and** staff!) as we believe we are very much a part of the mission and caring hub of our two churches.
Cath, Kizzie, Gill, Julie, Marie, Jenny, Caroline and Sarah

Women's Fellowship

The first ever meeting of our fellowship took place in September 1984, which makes this year our 40th Anniversary, not bad going all things considered.
We meet as always on 2nd Thursday of the month in the coffee area at Emmanuel and all are welcome.
2023 has been another successful year in which we have learned a little of
" Wirral's Wondrous History "
Courtesy of Barry Humphries and learned about the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship a charity not many had been familiar with previously.
'So the child may live' is affiliated to Alder Hey Children's hospital and Carmel Dersch spoke very movingly about her visits to Nepal to the only hospital just for children in that country and her efforts to help both practically and financially. In June
Liz Cooper Clark gave us a very uplifting talk when she spoke of her sister Jane's life with Downs Syndrome.
This year Eurovision came to Liverpool and we
had a Eurovision Extravaganza conducted by Mike Jones without leaving the coffee area. A visit from Spartacus a therapy dog came next and reminded us all just how intelligent these animals are.
We are a very social and talkative group and when no speaker is available enjoy coffee and a chat.
Finally, I am pleased to be able to say we have been able to make several worthwhile donations to lesser known charities. A custom we hope to continue.
Vivienne Lythgoe.

Men's Lunch Munch

The men reserve a table-for-twelve at the Pilot Boat on the second Friday of each month, from 12.30pm onwards, although most Fridays it hovers around half full. As well as discussing things going on at church that we ought to get involved with, we also find out the state of health of everyone present, and as much as possible about the people absent, and whether they need help. Not forgetting the usual football advice for the team managers, and the 'goings on' in New Brighton/Wirral from the Globe.

There is no set agenda, the conversation continues in the direction people want to talk about. And all men are invited, you don't need a special invitation, and you can stay as long or as short as you like, there are no set rules. Let's see if we can fill the reserved tables.
George Merrill

28th Wallasey (Emmanuel) Guide Group
Rainbows

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Rainbows has remained steady in numbers this year and as always we have an increasing waiting list of girls eager to join (so please contact me early if you have a potential member).
The girls completed a number of badges this year including;

In November, we celebrated Parliament Week as usual, this year's theme was all about Elizabeth Tower, we made a clock tower twist toy and voted on our favourite games to play. Bonfire night was incredibly exciting, with thanks to our visiting scout, the girls enjoyed building a bonfire, toasting marshmallows and campfire songs. Finishing the evening with some glow stick dancing.

In the run up to Christmas we completed our winter wildlife challenge, looking at lots of animals who enjoy the cold, from penguins to Santa's reindeer. Finishing the term with a Christmas party and enrolment.

In summer we started working on our nature badge, getting out and about as much as possible. We went on a Picture Hunt around Vale Park and along the promenade, we collected leaves, twigs and other materials and created some wild art, went on a bug hunt around the church grounds and finally a trip to the park to visit the Fairy Vale with four lucky rainbows making their promise.

During the holidays many of the girls completed their Book Lovers badge with help of the library summer reading challenge and also rose to the challenge of 50 days of summer, completing 50 different activities to earn their badge.

The girls enjoyed a fabulous day out at 'Gullivers World', Warrington, with other girls from around the district, it was lovely to get back to trips out with the girls again. Thankfully the British weather was kind and an ice cream was welcomed by all.

We have attended all Church parades and successfully led a number of these. We helped to decorate the Church for Harvest with colourful tractors. At Christmas we assisted the Sunday school in the annual nativity performance providing lots of shepherds and angels.

All this would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our team that help make the pack enjoyable and fun. As ever I would like to thank Jennifer Long, Bev Lindsay and our willing Guide and Ranger helpers Maisie, Daisy and Ellie for their continued hard work, and look forward to a successful year ahead.
Rainbow Guider – Sparkle (Gillian Leigh)

Brownies

In March the Brownies enjoyed an Easter Eggstravenganza at our local campsite, Hadlow Fields. The girls enjoyed lots of Easter activities as well as an Easter Egg Hunt. A good time was had by all.
In June we took part in a Giant Tea Party at West Kirby Grammar School, with other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Leaders from across Wirral. There was face painting, colouring, and lots of activities outside. The girls were given a special badge, some coronation sweets and some coronation seeds to plant.
Later on in June, we enjoyed a trip to the Catalyst museum, Widnes. The girls enjoyed the hands-on exhibits in the Interactive Gallery, with some of them having a go at being a weather forecaster. The girls were amazed at the view from the Observatory Gallery and more hands – on exhibits. To finish of the day we had a space talk, which was really interesting.
In the summer we had a sleepover at our Guide HQ, with the Guides. The Brownies slept indoors while the Guides camped. This was the 1st time some Brownies had been away and the 1st time some of the Guides had camped.
The girls have also completed a variety of activities learning about the environment.
In October some of the Brownies enjoyed a hands-on science evening at Birkenhead School.
We rounded of our year in December with a trip to the cinema to see 'Wish'.
Thanks to all the leaders who help.
Kate Long (Brown Owl)

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Guides

2023 started with 16 girls aged 10-14 on register. We have enjoyed many activities on a Friday night including Chinese New Year with food and games practicing our chopstick skills.

We have also made rainbow keyrings and fudge for the summer fair and bracelets and peppermint creams for the Christmas fair. These activities among others help the girls to earn badges and awards. 2 girls gained their Bronze awards and 2 Silvers. Well done!

We have been on a few trips including a Coronation Tea Party in West Kirby and many other groups from across the Wirral. We went to the Catalyst Museum with the Brownies and Rainbows and went to Blackpool where 5 girls made their promise. I don't recommend going on the Big One while it is raining! We finished the year with a joint trip to the cinema to watch Wish.

5 girls went to Wellies and Wristbands which is a festival for Guides, Rangers and Leaders. During the day there were adventurous activities including canoeing, axe throwing and raft building. There were art activities, science activities and bumper cars for a change if they wanted. 1 girl entered the talent competition singing. Unfortunately, she didn't win but sang brilliantly. At night up and coming artists performed and on the last night there was a fireworks display. 2 girls made their promise.

A couple of days later we had a sleepover in tents at Wallasey HQ having a campfire and doing camp activities.

None of this would be possible without Cath and Lisa who volunteer each week and help with trips/camps. Also thank you to Kate for providing joint activities. Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to next year.

Sarah Merrill

3rd Wallasey (Emmanuel) Scout Group

Beavers

The past year, our Beavers have done some amazing things:
Learning how to use a flint and steel on an exciting Beaver Sleepover.
Creating a fire and roasted some marshmallows to make s'mores.
Using pH testing strips to examine different liquids.
Working as a team to create some amazing inventions using recycled objects.
Found many new ways to communicate, such as talking into cups connected by string.
Learning about people with Special Needs by wearing 'funny' glasses with parts blanked out.
Learning to Resuscitate using a dummy.
Doing First Aid on each other.
Learning about road safety.
Doing a Treasure Hunt in Vale Park.
Planting Sunflowers seeds at the side of the church.
Making Christmas decorations.
And I'm sure many more activities I've missed out.

Thomas Shennan took over as Beaver Leader from his mum, Sheila at the beginning of September and we would like to thank Sue and George and the 'Young Leaders', Warrick, Harry, Ellis, and any others I've missed. We look forward to another adventurous year.

Tom Shennan

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Cubs

From January 2023 to December 2023 the Cubs have enjoyed completing badges, especially their photography badge, where they learnt how to use a camera properly.
The Cubs wrote letters to the local fire-station asking if we could visit. We received a reply and then went for a lovely visit. They had a great time looking around the fire-station and learning how everything works. They then had a look at a fire engine and enjoyed having a sit in it. The Cubs were so excited when it came down to having a squirt of the hose. They were amazed at how powerful they were.
In October a few of our cubs joined our scouts and another scout group on a trip to Paris. They had the most amazing time and made some brilliant memories that will stay with them forever. We travelled to Paris by coach and boat which was very tiring and a few young members and leaders didn't take well to sea sickness. Whilst there we had a day in Disneyland. We also enjoyed some sightseeing around Paris and a trip up the Eiffel Tower. For tea one night we all enjoyed trying a French delicacy of snails. Well, when I say enjoyed I for one WON'T be eating them again. On the way home we had a visit to a Hypermarket before making the long journey home. Arriving back at Wallasey for midnight where the Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders and Leaders were looking forward to a few hours sleep before returning back to school and work.
For Christmas we finished off with a joint Beaver, Cub and Scout annual Christmas party. The highlight of the night was the young members wrapping the young leaders up like Christmas presents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other leaders and young leaders for all their continuous support. Also thank you to all the young members and their parents.
Kim (Akela)

Scouts

Another year without any time to rest on my laurels. We have finally got a regular volunteer, Kieran, at Scouts meaning which means the load is beginning to be spread among more people across the group.

There are a lot of pressures in people's lives which has really exposed how short we are of adults. A slight restructure has allowed Allan and Lynne into the fold officially and so they have taken roles of supporter and Chairperson.

We have linked up with 12th again for numerous activities, the most exciting being our trip to Paris which enabled 57 young people to earn their International Badge and necker.

We visited the Eiffel Tower, EuroDisney and sailed the Seine amongst other regular activities with a French twist.
For this trip we partly sponsored some young leaders and paid toward some members who were struggling to cope with the cost.

We have camped at Tawd again and at Emmanuel, but also added a trip to Serpentine Family Church as we firm up our links.

We have been bowling, walking, gardening, map reading, fire lighting, whittling, enjoying scout lead activities and analysing how their delivery can be improved to progress their ability to be positive role models in the world. We enjoyed photography, film making, badge design, paddle boarding and notably celebrated the coronation of our new King.

We have organised and taken part in many district level events, such as climbing, a fashion show and the Gang Show. The best of all being the District Derby Day in which 80 young people navigated Wallasey to conquer several challenges in teams. These have helped the scouts find new friends within the district and further afield.

We are hoping to sponsor a Scout in her world championship bid in China to go up against other young biathletes (laser shooting and running).

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As a group we are very grateful for the venue you provide us to make these wonderful things possible. Until next time…….
Graham

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH E

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 D

2022	Expenditure		2023	2022
£	General Account	£	£	£
63032	Parish Share	64923		52,234
2210	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2583		1,135
1380	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	1353		5,187
490	Wine, wafers, candles, lamps	401		0
5021	Heating, Lighting & Water	10327		14,414
7661	Insurance Premiums	8227		72,970
3190	Organist's fees	3579		3,799
491	Refreshments /Cleaning Expenses	869		
1287	Photocopier rental and use (excl magazine)	1009		3,120
1358	Sundries	1298		28
367	Magazine Costs	842		941
1774	Vestry phone and internet	1433		1,998
553	Music Worship Expenses	975		1,089
6070	Contribution to Charities Account	6030		2,100
36	Website	408		0
390	Defib pads and batteries	0		
0	Vestry PC	597		
0	Renewal of white lines outside St James	176		
95,310			105,030	86,045
	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel			
134	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Lighting Modifications	3042		98
37	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	92		2,523
0	Able Group drains	210		104
150	Elmwood Boiler service	150		0
2500	MD Driveways Patio	0		0
0	JABirch & Son Church Maintenance	198		30
128	Gardening and jet washing	0		984
350	Makin Organs Ltd Tuning	0		
0	Roof/structural Repairs	80		
0	Locksmiths	117		
0	Replacement shed	820		
0	Dual flushes on all toilets	456		
0	Pestokill	97		
90	Wallasey carpets repair to flooring	0		
300	Hayes & Finch Ciborium	0		
113	Microphone repair /replacement	49		
62	The Church Noticeboard Co	0		
3,864			5,311	3,739
99,174	Expenditure Carried Forward		110,341	89,784

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH E

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 Decemb

2022	Expenditure		2023	2022
£		£	£	£
99,174	Expenditure Brought Forward		110,341	89,784
	St James Restoration Fund			
1463	Randall Thorpe Scheme Fees	0		2,154
259	School Initiative timber & topsoil	0		1,247
72	Heritage Weekends expenses	22		877
0	Gift for Guest Organist	300		2,217
0	Concerts Expenses	259		636
0	Cream Tea Expenses	130		

0	Temporary License Fee	21		
1,794			732	7,131
	Repairs Account @ St James			
180	General church maintenance	123		2,000
328	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	356		21
1111	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	1260		150
0	Replacement dehumidifier	286		0
562	Gardening and tree removal	450		0
0	New signage	90		0
816	Organ Tuning	1224		
88	PAS Sound Engineering repairs	128		
0	Replacement projector screen	80		
180	M Lewis gas / plumbing	78		
76	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	50		
278	Plastix Extruders replacement mat	0		
714	Furber Roofing	624		
4,333			4,749	2,171
	Charities Account			
2361	The Church Overseas	2584		1,319
1382	Home Missions	1196		6,070
4786	Secular Charities	5225		1,140
8,529			9,005	8,529
113,830	Expenditure carried forward		124,827	107,615

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON -ST JAMES WITH EMMA

Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2(

2022	Expenditure		2023	2022
£		£	£	£
113,830	Expenditure brought forward		124,827	107,615
	Churchwardens Legacy Account			
733	GCS - C/Heating Service Contract St James	1745		9,122
0	Transfer to St James Repairs Account	5000		
				9,122
733			6,745	
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth			
307	Youth outings and resources	299		294
240	Messy Church / Sunday School resources/ food	163		800
743	Setting up Kids Corner St James	0		90
				0
				0
1,290			462	1,184
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust			
984	Transfer to Fabric Reserve Account			51
				142
984			0	193
1,277	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		0	0
118,114			132,034	118,114

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 202

Liabilities and Fund Balances

2022				2023	2022
£		£	£	£	£
	Fund Balances	INCOME	EXPENDITURE		
	Unrestricted:				
40,675	General Account	84,066	105030	19,711	152,000
235,501	Churchwardens Legacy Account	10802	6745	239,558	
	Restricted:				106,850
10	Charities Account	9005	9005	10	100
1,376	Repairs Account	5552	4749	2,179	
15,591	Fabric Reserve Account	3487	5311	13,767	
4,650	Vicars Discr'y Fund for Youth	731	462	4,919	107,696
0	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust	0	0	0	
61,699	St James Restoration Fund	12280	732	73,247	
359,502		125923	132034	353,391	
7,144	Monies Held On Account			7,822	
366,646				361,213	366,646

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CHURCHWARDENS

APPROVED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH
COUNCIL ON
SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY
REVEREND HEATHER ATKINSON (PCC CHAIRMAN)

H. ATKINSON

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANU

CHARITABLE GIVING

2022	Charity Payments	2023	2022
£	Collections in Church	£	£
208	Children's Society	0	560
0	DEC Turkey/Syria Quake appeal	893	560
90	Chester Clergy Family Charitable Trust	0	0

314	RNLI NB	368		560
474	Claire House	0		560
192	3rd Wallasey Cub Scouts	0		560
40	Wirral Hospice	0		560
1,319			1,262	560
				560
	Other Collections			560
233	Wirral Foodbank (includes Bread & Spread)	346		240
130	Leprosy Mission	148		0
90	Barnabas Fund	105		165
366	Claire House	0		500
100	DEC Ukraine Appeal	0		125
221	Bible Society	0		0
0	Christian Aid	651		6,070
0	RNLI NB	463		
1,140			1,713	8,529

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EM

Notes				
2022	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2023	2022	
			St James	Emmanue
£		£	£	£
605	Vicar's Fund	605	614	857
163	Youth Account	0	0	1,531
449	Church Ball	449	295	0
478	Lunch Club	0	0	0
198	Lighting Project	324	29	0
2046	Bread & Spread Project	2604	113	0
251	Fun food and Friendship	465	0	0
0	PCC Away Day	91	0	0
224	SJ Garden Fund	1224	721	0
1608	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1608	150	0
1122	Choir Fund	452	295	0

		0	135
7144	7822	0	0

2,217	2,523

MMANUEL

ecember 2023

Income		2023
General Account	£	£
Net Gift Aided Givings	52,238	
Direct Givings Schemes	1,184	
Other Givings	4,424	
Digital Givings	56	
Tax Recovery on Givings	14,710	
	72,613	
PCC Fees	1,697	
Lettings:- Emmanuel £ 3174		
Lettings:- St James £989	4,163	
Interest	56	
Magazine sales and advertising	943	
Refreshment sales	2,294	
Energy grant from Chester DBF	0	
Energy donations from Wirral Foodbank	0	
Warm spaces grant for heating	2,300	
		84,066
Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
Donations	349	
Fund Raising	2,187	
Interest	599	
Ecclesiastical Insurance donation	130	
Eco Fair Proceeds	222	
Organ use	0	
Balance of closed account Emmanuel	0	
		3,487
Income Carried Forward		87,553

MMANUEL

ɔer 2023 (Continued)

Income		2023
	£	£
Income Carried Forward		87,553
St James Restoration Fund		
Gift Aid pledges	2,374	
Donations	2,720	
Tax recovery	1,125	
Fund Raising	4,910	
(LPOW) VAT Recovery	1,151	

		12,280
Repairs Account @ St James		
Donations	0	
Interest	149	
Organ Use	51	
Ecclesiastical Insurance donation	130	
Eco Fair Proceeds	222	
Transfer from legacy Account	5,000	
		5,552
Charities Account		
Collections in Church	1,262	
Transfer from General Account	6,030	
Other Charitable Collections	1,713	
		9,005
Income carried forward		114,390

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)23 (Continued)

Income		2023
	£	£
Income brought forward		114,390
Churchwardens Legacy Account		
Interest	10,802	
		10,802
Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
Interest	345	
Sunday School Grant	0	
Donations	50	
Christmas/Easter crafts	172	
Fundraising Dec 2022	164	
		731
Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
Interest /Appreciation		
Sale of shares		
		0
Excess of Expenditure Over Income		6,111
		132,034

MANUEL
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Assets

		2023
	£	£
Church of England		
Central Board of Finance:		
Shares at Cost	152,000	
(Value as at 31/12/23 = £305,167.48)		
Deposit Fund	110,209	262,209
Petty Cash Imprest		100
Cash at Bank:		
Current Accounts	98,904	98,904
		361,213

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HON. TREASURER

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C. TAYLOR

JEL

	2023	
Direct Contributions from General A/C	£	£
Christian Aid	560	
Claire House Hospice	560	
St Andrews Building Fund	30	

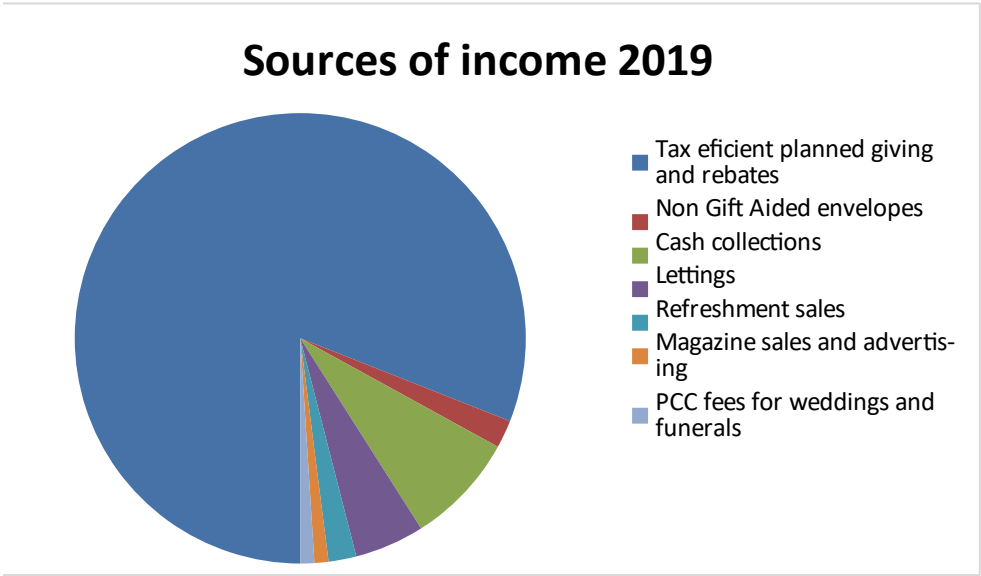
Wirral Debt Advice	560	
St John's Hospice	560	
Water Aid	560	
Tear Fund	560	
Wirral Churches Ark Project	560	
RNLI (New Brighton)	560	
Wirral Women and Children's Aid	560	
Toilet Twinning	0	
New Brightoners	200	
Daily Bread Ministries	135	
DEC Appeals	500	
A Rocha Eco Church	0	
Inclusive Church Network	125	
		6030
		9,005

MANUEL

Analysis of Fundraising	2023	
l	St James	Emmanuel
	£	£
Summer Fair & Book Sale	0	745
Christmas Fair	0	1,442
Inspire Blue Tube	617	0
Swing, String and Sing	624	0
Microlight sponsorship	0	0
Christmas Card opt out scheme	10	0
Organ Concert	1,387	0
Folk Night	1,025	0
Miscellaneous sales (Preserves, chicks, etc)	412	0
Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekends	214	0
Tram Evening	0	0

Queen Bee Drive	0	0
Cream Tea	621	0
	4,910	2,187

Tax eficient planned giving and rebates	81
Non Gift Aided envelopes	2
Cash collections	8
Lettings	5
Refreshment sales	2
Magazine sales and advertising	1
PCC fees for weddings and funerals	1


Sources of income 2019
Tax eficient planned giving and rebates
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Lettings
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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2023

2022	Expenditure		2023
£	General Account	£	£
63032	Parish Share	64923	
2210	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2583	
1380	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	1353	
490	Wine, wafers, candles, lamps	401	
5021	Heating, Lighting & Water	10327	
7661	Insurance Premiums	8227	
3190	Organist's fees	3579	
491	Refreshments /Cleaning Expenses	869	
1287	Photocopier rental and use (excl magazine)	1009	
1358	Sundries	1298	
367	Magazine Costs	842	
1774	Vestry phone and internet	1433	
553	Music Worship Expenses	975	
6070	Contribution to Charities Account	6030	
36	Website	408	
390	Defib pads and batteries	0	
0	Vestry PC	597	
0	Renewal of white lines outside St James	176	
95,310			105,030

2022	Income		2023
£	General Account	£	£
52,234	Net Gift Aided Givings	52,238	
1,135	Direct Givings Schemes	1,184	
5,187	Other Givings	4,424	
0	Digital Givings	56	
14,414	Tax Recovery on Givings	14,710	
72,970		72,613	
3,799	PCC Fees	1,697	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel £ 3174		
3,120	Lettings:- St James £989	4,163	
28	Interest	56	
941	Magazine sales and advertising	943	
1,998	Refreshment sales	2,294	
1,089	Energy grant from Chester DBF	0	
2,100	Energy donations from Wirral Foodbank	0	
0	Warm spaces grant for heating	2,300	
86,045			84,066

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
134	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Lighting Modifications	3042	
37	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	92	
0	Able Group drains	210	
150	Elmwood Boiler service	150	
2500	MD Driveways Patio	0	
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128	Gardening and jet washing	0	
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113	Microphone repair /replacement	49	
62	The Church Noticeboard Co	0	
3,864			5,311

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
98	Donations	349	
2,523	Fund Raising	2,187	
104	Interest	599	
0	Ecclesiastical Insurance donation	130	
0	Eco Fair Proceeds	222	
30	Organ use	0	
984	Balance of closed account Emmanuel	0	
3,739			3,487

99,174	Expenditure Carried Forward	110,341	89,784	Income Carried Forward	87,553

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2023 (Continued)

2022	Expenditure	£	2023 £	2022	Income	£	2023 £
99,174	Expenditure Brought Forward		110,341	89,784	Income Carried Forward		87,553
	St James Restoration Fund				St James Restoration Fund		
1463	Randall Thorpe Scheme Fees	0		2,154	Gift Aid pledges	2,374	
259	School Initiative timber & topsoil	0		1,247	Donations	2,720	
72	Heritage Weekends expenses	22		877	Tax recovery	1,125	
0	Gift for Guest Organist	300		2,217	Fund Raising	4,910	
0	Concerts Expenses	259		636	(LPOW) VAT Recovery	1,151	
0	Cream Tea Expenses	130					
0	Temporary License Fee	21					
1,794			732	7,131			12,280
	Repairs Account @ St James				Repairs Account @ St James		
180	General church maintenance	123		2,000	Donations	0	
328	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	356		21	Interest	149	
1111	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	1260		150	Organ Use	51	
0	Replacement dehumidifier	286		0	Ecclesiastical Insurance donation	130	
562	Gardening and tree removal	450		0	Eco Fair Proceeds	222	
0	New signage	90		0	Transfer from legacy Account	5,000	
816	Organ Tuning	1224					
88	PAS Sound Engineering repairs	128					
0	Replacement projector screen	80					
180	M Lewis gas / plumbing	78					
76	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	50					
278	Plastix Extruders replacement mat	0					
714	Furber Roofing	624					
4,333			4,749	2,171			5,552
	Charities Account				Charities Account		
2361	The Church Overseas	2584		1,319	Collections in Church	1,262	
1382	Home Missions	1196		6,070	Transfer from General Account	6,030	
4786	Secular Charities	5225		1,140	Other Charitable Collections	1,713	
8,529			9,005	8,529			9,005
113,830	Expenditure carried forward		124,827	107,615	Income carried forward		114,390

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON -ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2023 (Continued)

2022	Expenditure	£	2023 £	2022	Income	£	2023 £
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733			6,745				
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth				Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
307	Youth outings and resources	299		294	Interest	345	
240	Messy Church / Sunday School resources/ food	163		800	Sunday School Grant	0	
743	Setting up Kids Corner St James	0		90	Donations	50	
				0	Christmas/Easter crafts	172	
				0	Fundraising Dec 2022	164	
1,290			462	1,184			731
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust				Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
984	Transfer to Fabric Reserve Account			51	Interest /Appreciation		
				142	Sale of shares		
984			0	193			0
1,277	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		0	0	Excess of Expenditure Over Income		6,111
118,114			132,034	118,114			132,034

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

Liabilities and Fund Balances					Assets			
2022				2023	2022			2023
£		£	£	£	£		£	£
	Fund Balances	INCOME	EXPENDITURE			Church of England		
	Unrestricted:					Central Board of Finance:		
40,675	General Account	84,066	105030	19,711	152,000	Shares at Cost	152,000	
235,501	Churchwardens Legacy Account	10802	6745	239,558		(Value as at 31/12/23 = £305,167.48)		
	Restricted:				106,850	Deposit Fund	110,209	262,209
10	Charities Account	9005	9005	10	100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
1,376	Repairs Account	5552	4749	2,179		Cash at Bank:		
15,591	Fabric Reserve Account	3487	5311	13,767				
4,650	Vicars Discr'y Fund for Youth	731	462	4,919	107,696	Current Accounts	98,904	98,904
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359,502		125923	132034	353,391				
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H. ATKINSON H D Atkinson
19.3.24

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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

CHARITABLE GIVING

2022	Charity Payments		2023
£	Collections in Church	£	£
208	Children's Society	0	
0	DEC Turkey/Syria Quake appeal	893	
90	Chester Clergy Family Charitable Trust	0	
314	RNLI NB	368	
474	Claire House	0	
192	3rd Wallasey Cub Scouts	0	
40	Wirral Hospice	0	
1,319			1,262
	Other Collections		
233	Wirral Foodbank (includes Bread & Spread)	346	
130	Leprosy Mission	148	
90	Barnabas Fund	105	
366	Claire House	0	
100	DEC Ukraine Appeal	0	
221	Bible Society	0	
0	Christian Aid	651	
0	RNLI NB	463	
1,140			1,713

2022	Direct Contributions from General A/C	2023	
£		£	£
560	Christian Aid	560	
560	Claire House Hospice	560	
0	St Andrews Building Fund	30	
560	Wirral Debt Advice	560	
560	St John's Hospice	560	
560	Water Aid	560	
560	Tear Fund	560	
560	Wirral Churches Ark Project	560	
560	RNLI (New Brighton)	560	
560	Wirral Women and Children's Aid	560	
240	Toilet Twinning	0	
0	New Brightoners	200	
165	Daily Bread Ministries	135	
500	DEC Appeals	500	
125	A Rocha Eco Church	0	
0	Inclusive Church Network	125	
6,070			6030
8,529			9,005

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Notes							
2022	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2023	2022		Analysis of Fundraising	2023	
			St James	Emmanuel		St James	Emmanuel
£		£	£	£		£	£
605	Vicar's Fund	605	614	857	Summer Fair & Book Sale	0	745
163	Youth Account	0	0	1,531	Christmas Fair	0	1,442
449	Church Ball	449	295	0	Inspire Blue Tube	617	0
478	Lunch Club	0	0	0	Swing, String and Sing	624	0
198	Lighting Project	324	29	0	Microlight sponsorship	0	0
2046	Bread & Spread Project	2604	113	0	Christmas Card opt out scheme	10	0
251	Fun food and Friendship	465	0	0	Organ Concert	1,387	0
0	PCC Away Day	91	0	0	Folk Night	1,025	0
224	SJ Garden Fund	1224	721	0	Miscellaneous sales (Preserves, chicks, etc)	412	0
1608	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1608	150	0	Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekends	214	0
1122	Choir Fund	452	295	0	Tram Evening	0	0
			0	135	Queen Bee Drive	0	0
7144		7822	0	0	Cream Tea	621	0
			2,217	2,523		4,910	2,187

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON ST. JAME

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Aim and purposes

St James with Emmanuel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Heather Atkinson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St James with Emmanuel. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and the Parish Development Group (a subgroup of the PCC) makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

An area we have been developing is ministry for young people, which now needs nurturing. The all age service continued throughout 2022 but we are struggling to attract new families. Baptism families continue to be invited but with little uptake. We continued a youth group for the older children, meeting on a Monday in termtime at Emmanuel, unless on an outing. Parade Services have continued in 2022. Our participation in Bridging the Wallasey Gap has enabled us to continue working with wither delivering hampers or they inviting families to collect their hampers from the member churches (See Organisation Reports.

Vision of our Leading your Church into Growth Plan (LyCiG)

The Parish has a mission statement: -Together in Prayer, Worship, Community Care and Outreach.

The aim is to be a growing church both in spirituality, numbers and unity and to be confident in our faith through the engagement of the mission statement.

When planning our activities for the year, we have continued working on the **Leading Your Church into Growth** (LyCiG) plan which we initially developed together as the Lent group back in 2018. This document is flexible, developmental and transformative. People can openly suggest other ideas which can be taken to the PDG to develop. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St. James and Emmanuel

A) Worship and Church Buildings

Aims: - To continue to be welcoming churches and encourage worship across all ages.

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An All-Age Service has continued at St. James which is advertised to all baptism families by email. We now have a small group of young people who are enjoying exploring their faith. Children are helping to make the choice of hymns in the All-Age service. A children's corner has been developed at St James which the children enjoy using, A youth group for the older children, has met on a Monday in termtime at Emmanuel.
Local schoolchildren were invited to St James to experience harvest. This was taken up by the school council of New Brighton Primary School and initial conversations have taken place to develop links further.
In June 2022 for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, uniformed organisations were invited to attend the service and on the Saturday they had a BBQ at which Rev Heather said grace every hour. A children's party took place at St James. Free books were given out at both churches to every child who attended and Foodbank families a copy of the adult version. Towards the end of 2022, Colin Jones encouraged attendance at parade services.
We hope to hold again the twice yearly healing service at Emmanuel, involving Rev Chris Turner. This could be a Taizé style service alternating with Holy Communion which will be discussed at the PDG
During 2022 we had to start gaining ground lost due to Covid 19.
The use of Testimonies in services continues and also in the Parish Magazine as part of everyday faith.

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A new screen for St James has been approved by the PCC. We had previously looked at Christ Church Moreton, St Peter's Heswall and St Mary's Eastham. Three quotes had already been already obtained but would need updating by AV Practical, the company chosen. The balance of sound at St. James needs to be reviewed long term.

B.) Care and Fellowship Aim: To deepen existing relationships and build on our links with the community. This will enable transformation to happen on different levels.
Over the next 5 years we need to ensure that pastoral care is kept on top of, with the congregation working together. Revd. Heather cannot see everyone so asked for volunteers to help with home communion. Safeguarding and CRB checks needed to be implemented for the team to start in December. Those who are housebound were contacted to see if they wished to have home communion. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure a growing church still feels cared for. We need to work on further developing the pastoral care groups already started. Ann Barlow and Sue Chadwick have continued to ring members on the electoral roll supplementing the work of the pastoral groups.

Funeral follow up: - Bereaved families are asked if they would like to have a post funeral visit. Bereavement visits where necessary are continuing.

Welcome people moving into the area: A welcome pack for community and visitors to church is slowly being developed. This extends pastoral care to the newest members of the community and gives presence. New people will know what is going on better.

Electoral roll follow up is still being developed.

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Both churches have been accepted into the Places of Welcome scheme, Emmanuel on a Saturday morning and St James on a Wednesday with Tea and Toast. These sessions are part of the Warm Spaces initiative and further conversations took place for more sessions at Emmanuel.
Revd. Heather is also a member of the Coastal Committee which has continued to meet via Zoom. The local RNLI let Rev Heather know when they have been called out so that they can be included in prayer has continued. Rev Heather is available for pastoral visits with the RNLI staff. From this information a leaflet was created informing people where to go to get help. Rev Heather had conversations with the RNLI and the Council for help posters like Liverpool have done, to be put in sites along the coast which attract visitors but also vulnerable people. Further conversations have taken place but there are unforeseen complications regarding placement.
For parish events and socializing, a Jubilee dinner and harvest quiz and supper took place and several groups have met for social events.

Other social suggestions remain as part of future planning now that all restrictions have been removed.
Valentines' dinner Epiphany party Car Boot sale or Auction
Get involved with Love New Brighton Cruise liner evening Beetle drive
A meal with a Christian speaker Outings
Film nights Socials as opportunities to invite people outside of the church.
Strawberry pick with strawberry tea and a service
Songs of Praise with meaning of hymns explained.

c) Prayer and Spirituality: Aim to deepen existing faith within the congregation and to enable the community to know that they can ask for prayer.

- Testimony and Bible Notes will help, links to apps etc. Many use Bible notes and Heather has let people know about Lectio 365 App which is a great resource for morning and Evening Prayer.
- To encourage prayer for the church and growth. A bookmark of LYCIG prayer has been made and will now be put out, which includes details for children and families.
- To mention any useful courses in the pew sheet. (Ongoing) Members of leadership teams have been completing safeguarding courses online and as has Revd. Heather.
- The Lady Chapel at St James and votive candles continue to be used as a practical place for prayer for all who come.
- The pebble bowl at Emmanuel needs to be reinstated.
- Prayer walks around the parish boundary with printed tee-shirts and picnics (flyers with service time make it become missional): still outstanding. However, some of us did mingle with the Pride event in New Brighton at the Floral and also walked along the prom and give out leaflets which promoted our service and that we are Pride friendly.

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- House groups. The Vicarage House group met in person during the year and Peter Jordan carried on zoom with a couple of people.
- Monthly Prayer group at St James has continued to meet online and Heather's WhatsApp group has continued in this format.
- Practical Prayer board at St. James.
- Youth group continued Alpha and then we used Urban Saints material.
- Sam Rowan was accepted for Ordination Training and Fred Asbury is further on in his exploration of ministry and will go to the selection event in 2023.
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Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Revd. Heather has continued filming and editing as some are still worshipping online, via our YouTube channel.

The Lifeboat Service took place in March at which the Glee Club were present. This years' service will take place in October as usual.

Five weddings took place at St James in 2022 and two at Emmanuel

Two baptisms and two thanksgiving services took place at St James and one baptism at Emmanuel

Nine funerals took place at St James, four at Emmanuel in 2022 and eleven funerals took place at the Crematorium.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 150 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll following the revision in 2021.

Christmas: A Carol Service was held at St James with 72 people attending, a slight increase on last year. 43 attended at the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, which was down on last year and represented the amount of illness prevailing in the congregation at the time. At Emmanuel, the Christmas Tree service and Christmas crafts took place without any Covid restrictions and were both well attended. The Christingle service also took place with 109 attending. The other advent Services at Emmanuel (Christmas Tree, Ladies Fellowship and nativity) totalled 119. Members of both congregations took to the streets near the church to sing carols which was well received.

Generally, the service attendances increased to about 50 on occasions at St James and 25-35 at Emmanuel with a good attendance midweek at Emmanuel of about 21. A service of BCP Communion continued on the third Sunday in the month and also first Wednesday in the month at St James. Choral Evensong attendees increased in number as the year went on.

Deanery Synod Meetings 2022

Sally Giles and Helen Harvey were the lay representatives of the parish at Deanery Synod for the beginning of last year. Sally stepped down at the APCM and Maureen Hennessey was elected. They report back to our PCC after each Synod meeting. All clergy licensed in the deanery are automatically members of the Deanery Synod, so Revd. Heather also attends. Licensed lay readers and pastoral workers are

automatically members too. The purposes of Deanery Synods are to share information amongst local churches, pray for each other, bring together the views of the parishes in the Deanery on common issues and make known provisions made by Diocesan and General Synods. Wallasey Synod usually has three meetings each year in February, May and September each beginning with a time of worship.
Meetings in 2022 were held on -

- 10 February at St Hilary's
- 4 May at St Paul's
- 6 October at Christchurch

On 10 February, Rural Dean, Rev. Alan Ward opened the evening with Celtic Evening Prayer. We had invited Rev. Nikki Eastwood as our speaker to give a presentation on Living in Love and Faith and that took place before the business part of our Synod.
Nikki spoke to us for about half and hour with a PowerPoint presentation and then engaged us in a question-and-answer session for about another half hour, which could have gone on much longer as the discussions were lively and thought-provoking. Nikki sits on Bishop's Council as our diocesan LLF lead and reports into the National Group on LLF. She explained that 30 April is the deadline for us to feed into the national debate. Nikki was thanked for joining us and she led us in prayer for the LLF process and for the parishes in our Deanery.

Deanery news and prayer was the next item on the agenda and all were invited to feedback to the group on the progress of their own church's items and events on the items-for-prayer list compiled at the previous meeting. Members also wrote down future prayer needs which are compiled and distributed after each Synod. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Other topics discussed were : Diocesan Synod report, vacancies on our Deanery and Diocesan Synods, The Everyday Faith event on 7 July for our 3 Wirral Deaneries and best wishes for his retirement were extended to Graham Cousins with the note that Christchurch Moreton will be in vacancy from 1 March.

On 4 May, opening worship was led by Revds. Peter Cooper and Chris Turner. Our speaker at this Synod was Shirley Bowen speaking about Wallasey Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Shirley spoke passionately about the CAP Wallasey Project, its history, its aims, its administration and its future needs. Some time ago, CAP Wirral began praying about a new centre based in Wallasey as that is where a large percentage of their clients come from. The local debt centre is the public face of CAP where clients are contacted and supported, and the national HQ in Bradford draws up pathways our if debt and deals with creditors. Thanks to the support of many local churches and a grant from Wirral Council, the project has a Debt Centre Manager employed for 20 hours and a Life Skills Manager for 12. Going forward Cap needs £40000 pa and volunteers and a prayer network to sustain it. Shirley answered questions and distributed leaflets about CAP at the end of her presentation.

20 minutes was then set aside for Deanery news and prayer.
Minutes of the last Synod meeting were read and accepted and other items discussed were the Diocesan Synod report, the visit of our 3 Bishops to Wallasey Deanery for the

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3 days 6-8 June and ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ taking place 26 May- 5June.

On 6 October, Revd. Debbi Stott led us in opening worship. The main part of the Synod was devoted to our guest speakers Zarah Ross and Annie Merry from Faith4Change who spoke to us about the NetCarbonZero (NCZ) initiative in the Church of England and how it applies to churches across the country. They gave an excellent presentation, a copy of which was circulated by email, to all members, after the meeting. They explained exactly what net carbon zero means and spoke of the moral imperative that we all have, as Christians, to take a lead in reducing carbon emissions. They are willing to come to any church to help them discover the right way forward for them, advise on Eco Church registration etc.

Our regular item of Deanery News and Prayer then followed. We call it **S**haring **Y**our **N**ews **O**r **D**ates. Items for prayer were shared (and are complied into a list and distributed) and time was spent in prayer for some of these issues. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted followed by a few matters arising. 1. CAP would still like some churches to support them, 2.The Everyday Faith event was well attended,3.The 3 Bishop’s visit was a success with a variety of activities for them to engage with our parishes.
Other Deanery News that was shared was 1. that Debbi had served as Diocesan Secretary for over 6 years and was standing down after minuting this meeting. Veronica Sherlock volunteered to cover until a permanent appointment could be made. The secretary does not need to be a member of Synod but can be co-opted for the purpose of the role. 2. We have not asked parishes to contribute to deanery funds for some years now (used to be an annual thing) but the funds have now been depleted. It was suggested and agreed that £30 from each parish be requested from PCCs. 3. A Wirral Waters Development Open meeting had been arranged for 17 November for anybody to come and find out more about this large development and think about how the church could be involved in missional outreach. Members were asked to advertise the event in their parishes.

The next Synod meeting was planned for 8 February 2023 at St Chad’s.

Helen Harvey

St James Church: A Report upon the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The purpose of this report is to describe the structural condition of the Church building, and to assess the state of the furnishings and embellishments.

The building is examined on a regular basis by the Churchwardens and occasionally by our architect. As far as can be established from these visual examinations, the main building remains sound, with no serious signs of settlement, there are however a number of deficiencies that have been noted in the recent mandatory quinquennial inspection. These will be addressed as part of the ongoing restoration of the building as funding becomes available.

General maintenance has been carried out during the year including some small repairs in the

north porch, kitchen and to blocked and overflowing guttering. We are grateful to Sue Chadwick and Rob Jones for their assistance in contacting and meeting tradespeople when necessary.

During the year the ravages of the weather dislodged plaster and stonework from a part of a high clerestory window in the Narthex. Our architect arranged for our builders, Mather and Ellis, to effect temporary repairs.

Slates were also dislodged from the east roof of the north transept by the winter's storms, repairs were satisfactorily carried out by Furber Roofing of Wallasey, who are well experienced in this class of work. The method of access shows the benefit of the new access door that was fitted from the tower upper floor on to the roof during the phase 2 restoration work.

The old lighting in the church continues to cause problems. Failed lighting units have been replaced with LEDs on an ad hoc basis and throw up further visibility problems. Consideration is to be given to the improvement of illumination in certain areas of the church when we get to that stage of the restoration.

The furnishings are generally well cared for by a dedicated group of helpers, and thanks are due to these people for all their hard work.

The fire appliances within the church have been serviced by Claughton Fire Protection of Birkenhead, and all portable electrical appliances are tested annually in accordance with the current regulations.

Our insurance for the building and contents remains underwritten by Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

A John Timms, Churchwarden

Emmanuel Fabric Report

Following the major repairs to the main windows last year little has been needed in the way of repair other than some minor issues in recent weeks. A roof tile has been dislodged during the recent storms but has now been replaced.
Attention in the near future needs to be turned to the exterior. The trees need serious trimming, the front garden continues to be a challenge and the decking at the rear is beginning to rot and requires replacement. There is a metal shed standing on the decking, which houses the lawn mower and various gardening equipment, and needs to be emptied and the shed removed before work on the decking can commence.
Thanks to those who have worked on the planters at the side of the church bringing a nice colourful spring display.
The statuary annual inspections are being monitored:

- Heating systems and boilers serviced (there was an issue with one of the boilers but it seems to have resolved itself. It will be kept under close watch).
- Electrical system inspection not yet due.
- Annual Portable Appliance Testing has been carried out
- Fire extinguishers serviced

Colin Jones (Churchwarden)

Community Outreach

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Charitable giving, Foodbank Distribution Centre at St James, and AA meetings at St James are examples, the latter

now meeting in the narthex due to an increase in numbers and the need for ventilation. Fun Food and Friendship ran fortnightly during the summer holidays, allowing families to pick up fresh groceries as part of Bridging the Wallasey Gap.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to subscribers and available at both churches and several outlets in the parish of New Brighton. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

600 leaflets were printed inviting people to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations at Emmanuel which resulted in a few new faces

New Brighton Primary School Council came to ‘Experience Harvest. Mount Primary School attended in December for their lesson ‘Why Jesus is called Saviour’

Rev Heather remains a member of the Coastal Committee and can highlight the important things that are happening in Church.

The Alpha course ran again at Emmanuel and the prayer teams met at Foxhill in November which was a powerful day. Those who did not come will have a second chance to attend in 2023.

Safeguarding

Children were welcome and safe in the company of Jesus, and children and people at risk should be safe in Christ's Church. The Diocese of Chester and all its churches are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. Safeguarding is everyone’s business, and the Safeguarding Team is available to discuss any concerns at any time. It currently consists of Revd. Heather, Sue Chadwick, Gill Walduck, Cath Tunstall, Helen Jones and Helen Harvey. PCC Members have been encouraged to take part in the Diocesan Safeguarding training. One item was investigated during 2022 with a satisfactory outcome.

Electoral Roll

This is another of those years in which the roll is simply revised using the existing roll as a basis. The major revision takes place every 6 years when all members have to resubmit their details. This year the roll is simply compiled using any amendments of which I am made aware through the year.
Our numbers have once again remained fairly stable. There are now **151** members on the roll as at the date on this report compared with 148 in 2022. As we are obliged to do under ecclesiastical law, we have had a period of revision prior to the annual meeting, but if any regular church members are still not the roll and wish to be, then I can supply a form which can be completed and returned to the PCC. It is possible that members miss the revision for some reason which can cause their membership to lapse. May I take this opportunity to remind everyone that only members listed on the current electoral roll are entitled to vote at church meetings where important decisions could be taken. Rolls will be available at both church sites and can be consulted at any reasonable time.
Once again, I am sad to report that a number of long-standing members of the church have passed away during the period since the last meeting. I hope that I have

managed to keep this information up to date and amend the roll accordingly. I do, however, apologise for any distress caused by the inclusion of any deceased persons. New applications have come in through the year and have been dealt with according to the ecclesiastical regulations. Please check the roll following this meeting, especially if you are a new applicant to ensure you are fully listed.
Many of our members are still affected by the pandemic which may limit their ability or willingness to regularly attend church. It is quite possible that I have still included persons who for some reason are no longer active members of the congregation. Any help from the congregation in this area would be appreciated as we do not always hear when people pass away especially if they move out of the area.
Once again, I would thank all members of the congregation who have helped to ensure that the electoral roll is kept up to date and for the secretary who has ensured that we comply with all the necessary legal and ecclesiastical protocols.
We have some applications to join which have been received during the revision period. These will be completed at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

Stephen Cottam, Electoral Roll Officer

Ecumenical Relationships

The Foodbank team at St James works together with members from Claremount Methodist Church and St Mary's Church, Liscard to assist those needing food. Bridging the Wallasey gap is a good example of working with 5 other churches. Revd. Heather has a good working relationship with Revd. Lorraine Aizlewood Threlfall at St Andrews URC which has continued and due to Covid difficulties in 2022, joint services were only resumed in 2023. Our churches are members of Churches Together in Wallasey.

Financial Review
Treasurers Report 2022

2022 has been an interesting and eventful year for us all, and changes in the global economy have undoubtedly had an impact on our church finances. Sadly, we have lost more of our regular congregation and faithful supporters, and our investments have been impacted by economic turmoil. However, church attendance has picked up a little from 2021, and both churches have gradually opened up to a wider range of activities including some fund raising.

General Account

This is our main account for both receiving income and paying bills. Expenditure exceeded income again, but by less than in 2021 (even taking into account the charitable giving situation in 2021), the gap being a little over £9,000.
Expenditure on heating and lighting was very similar to 2021 due to the joy of fixed price contracts. Sadly most of these are coming to an end in Spring 2023 and a large increase next year is inevitable. Photocopying and magazine printing costs were reduced significantly by a more cautious use of colour, and the magazine now makes a healthy profit. Due to the cost of living crisis it was agreed to increase the fee paid to the organist and this, together with the pleasure of having Katinka play at Emmanuel more often, is evident in the expenditure on that item. Internet costs increased slightly as the system at St James needed to be upgraded, but a change in provider for Emmanuel should hopefully lead to a decrease in costs overall in 2023.

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The defibrillators at both churches required new pads and batteries, a routine cost regardless of usage. Most other costs remained similar or changed in a predictable fashion.

There was an encouraging increase in income to this account compared to 2021 but this is still lower than pre-pandemic. Wirral Foodbank made two sizeable donations to St James, and it was decided to put part of this into the General Account. Chester Diocese also decided to pass on in full the Energy Costs Grant to parishes and these two amounted to over £3000 of help with our energy costs. Lettings income is also greatly increased with a significant amount of use for Emmanuel hall. Refreshment income includes amounts raised at the Harvest Supper £275, and Tea and Toast £393, both at St James.

Fabric Reserve Account at Emmanuel

A much quieter year on this account with little expenditure beyond the normal maintenance and minor repairs with the exception of the construction of a patio area at the side of the church to replace rotting and dangerous wooden decking. A further small account, the Ledder Cornish Trust, was closed with the balance transferred to this account as it was left for the benefit of Emmanuel. The Summer and Christmas fairs were well attended and raised over £2,500, such that income and expenditure were almost balanced.

St James Restoration Fund

A very quiet year with little activity on the finances of the account while the Management Committee continued to explore a variety of plans in order to obtain a grant from the Lottery Fund.

There was only one significant item of expenditure which covered the professional fees of preparing a detailed plan for landscaping the church grounds. The survey had been carried out in 2021 but was only invoiced in 2022. Income was a little lower than in previous years due to fewer fund raising events which had on impact on tax recovery.

This fund continues to be expertly managed by Trevor Thomas.

Repairs Account at St James

Expenditure on this account decreased from 2020, due to mostly only routine maintenance and testing taking place, and just two visits by the organ tuner. As mentioned previously Wirral Food Bank felt able to make two donations to venues providing distribution centres this year, and this money was shared between the Repairs Account and the General Account (heating). This provided a welcome boost and meant it was not necessary to supplement this account from the Legacy Account as we did last year, but the balance remaining at the end of 2022 (£1,376 as shown on page 4) will not be sufficient to meet maintenance costs for 2023.

Churchwarden's Legacy Account

As usual there was little activity here. Due to a change in provider the heating system was only serviced once, and also the account benefited from increased interest rates. However the value of our investments with the Central Board of Finance dipped considerably as shown on page 4. We continue to value this account as a reserve in case of unexpected outlay or if income continues to dwindle in the General Account.

Vicars Discretionary Fund for Youth

This account has seen more activity this year at both churches. The development of a Kids Corner at St James was largely funded by a grant for £800. The youth group enjoyed a variety of outings, activities and food.

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Charities Account

Page 5 shows a full analysis of our charitable givings. 'Collections in Church' mostly reflect the destination of funeral collections, as well as the Christingle Service, whilst 'Other collections' include an appeal for Ukraine and the Bible Society 'Bake for Bibles' which proved to be very successful. In addition charitable donations in the form of food and toiletries are collected in Emmanuel and donated directly to Wirral Foodbank.

Ledder Cornish Brace Trust

As agreed last year by the PCC, this Trust has now been wound up and the balance transferred to Emmanuel Fabric Reserve account.

Review of Resources

The parish continues to find itself in the fortunate position of having sufficient funds for all foreseeable events, despite another very difficult year. However, as can be seen in the balance sheet, there was an excess in expenditure over income on the General Account. Whilst this is a relatively small proportion of overall income, we should perhaps be mindful of the situation, and that we cannot sustain this in the long term. Looking at the balance of all of our accounts in total, there was a slight excess of income over expenditure but this is due to the funds building up in the SJRF and these will be spent once phase 3 begins. With rising costs and a very uncertain economic future for the nation the PCC will, as always, need to be prudent but also extremely grateful for the generosity of the parish.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to keep a considerable sum in the unrestricted account as a cash balance to offset the many and varied needs of the two church buildings. This is usually at least six months unrestricted payments and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of approximately £45,000 in the General Account at the end of 2022 conforms to this policy.

The two restricted funds: Reserve Account at Emmanuel and Repairs Account at St James, exist to cover the costs of maintaining the physical buildings. Whilst the Reserve Account at Emmanuel holds ample funds for the coming year, the PCC is aware that the Repairs Account for St James now needs to be supplemented from other funds or fundraising. The parish is fortunate to have a legacy, largely invested with the CCLA, which has remained largely untouched this year. This legacy provides investment income for the parish and is also available for larger projects, or to supplement maintenance when necessary.

This is my fifth annual report. I continue to be extremely grateful to Trevor for providing a sounding board for decisions, and for proof reading my efforts at accounting, and my thanks also go to those who help by counting, checking and banking our funds, especially Helen Jones and John Codling at St James, and Viv Lythgoe at Emmanuel, and also to George Merrill who does a fantastic job as our Gift Aid Secretary, never missing a penny that could be reclaimed.

Sally Giles, January 2023

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Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church enable to be an open presence under difficult circumstances. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens John Timms, John Codling (to May 22) and Helen Jones (from May 22) at St James' and Colin Jones at Emmanuel who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and all members of the various subgroups: Choirs at both churches, PCC, PDG, Cleaning Team, Refreshments Teams. Thanks to Rev. Marcus who preaches once a month and our readers Ron Jones, Mile Collins and Liz Cooper Clark for their support. We look forward to Rev. Fran Skinners preaching in 2023.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St James with Emmanuel, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens from both churches, two readers who were co-opted at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 65%. There was an additional meeting in March 2022 at the request of Chester Diocese which was asked to consider how best to support Rev. Heather who was not present at the meeting. The APCM for 2022 was held in May.
Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include The Parish Development Group, Restoration Management Committee and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and reporting back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St James and Emmanuel Churches are situated in the parish of New Brighton which is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Albion Street New Brighton CH45 9LF. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Incumbent:	The Reverend Heather Atkinson (Chairman)
Wardens:	Mr. John Timms and Mr. John Codling (St James) until APCM then Mr. John Timms and Mrs. Helen Jones

2022 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council
St James and Emmanuel Churches, New Brighton

Mr. Colin Jones (Emmanuel)

Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs. Helen Harvey
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs. Sally Giles to APCM then Mrs. Maureen Hennessey
Readers:	Mr. Ronald Jones and Mr. Michael Collins (Co-opted)

Elected members: St James
Angela Adams
Allyson Brown
Sue Chadwick
Lynn Lloyd
Vanessa Martlew
Keith Selby to APCM
Richard Wilberforce

Elected Members: Emmanuel
Ann Barlow
Carol Cliff Wilcock
Sally Giles
Sarah Merrill
George Merrill
Sara Sullivan to APCM

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2022

2021	Expenditure		2022
£	General Account	£	£
61,643	Parish Share	63032	
2,395	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2210	
1,117	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	1380	
216	Wine, wafers, candles, lamps	490	
5,378	Heating, Lighting & Water	5021	
7,201	Insurance Premiums	7661	
2,740	Organist's fees	3190	
133	Refreshment Expenses	491	
2,078	Photocopying (excl magazine)	1287	
922	Sundries	1358	
1,012	Magazine Costs	367	
1,455	Vestry phone and internet	1774	
529	Music Worship Expenses	553	
10,150	Contribution to Charities Account	6070	
272	Website	36	
0	Defib pads and batteries	390	
97,241			95,310

2021	Income		2022
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55,431	Net Gift Aided Givings	52,234	
1,134	Direct Givings Schemes	1,135	
5,151	Other Givings	5,187	
14,562	Tax Recovery on Givings	14,414	
76,278		72,970	
2,019	PCC Fees	3,799	
	£		
	Lettings:- Emmanuel 2550		
1,430	Lettings:- St James 570	3,120	
32	Interest	28	
871	Magazine sales and advertising	941	
363	Refreshment sales	1,998	
0	Energy grant from Chester DBF	1,089	
0	Energy donations from Wirral Foodbank	2,100	
80,993			86,045

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
0	Bailey & Birch Ltd - Elec Modifications	134	
41	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	37	
875	Proper Geeks replacement computer	0	
150	Elmwood Boiler service	150	
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78	JABirch & Son Church Maintenance	0	
60	Gardening and jet washing	128	
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19,914	Roof/structural Repairs	0	
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21,482			3,864

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1,090	Donations	98	
8,815	Fund Raising	2,523	
11	Interest	104	
1,759	Tax Recovery	0	
15	Organ use	30	
515	Insurance claim	0	
1,206	Balance of closed account Emmanuel	984	
13,411			3,739

118,723	Expenditure Carried Forward	99,174	94,404	Income Carried Forward	89,784

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Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2022 (Continued)

2021	Expenditure	£	2022 £	2021	Income	£	2022 £
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	St James Restoration Fund				**St James Restoration Fund**		
0	Randall Thorpe Scheme Fees	1463		2,154	Gift Aid pledges	2,154	
0	School Initiative timber & topsoil	259		1,559	Donations	1,247	
1,800	Bernard Taylor Ltd Prof Fees	0		18	Miscellaneous	0	
154	Heritage Weekends expenses	72		1,960	Tax recovery	877	
70	Christmas Fair expenses	0		4,374	Fund Raising	2,217	
84	Wirral Press- Leaflets	0		296	Topmark (LPOW) VAT Recovery	636	
2,108			1,794	10,361			7,131
	Repairs Account @ St James				**Repairs Account @ St James**		
105	General church maintenance	180		262	Donations	2,000	
491	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	328		1	Interest	21	
955	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	1111		175	Organ Use	150	
1,432	Mather & Ellis Window repair	0		5,000	Transfer from Legacy Account	0	
0	General garden expenses	47		2,688	Balance of closed accounts SJ	0	
515	K Fitzgerald - Gardening Fees	515					
1,192	Organ Tuning	816					
0	PAS Sound Engineering repairs	88					
1,174	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Floodlight replacement	0					
0	M Lewis gas / plumbing	180					
0	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	76					
0	Plastix Extruders replacement mat	278					
0	Furber Roofing	714					
5,864			4,333	8,126			2,171
	Charities Account				**Charities Account**		
3,191	The Church Overseas	2361		643	Collections in Church	1,319	
2,181	Home Missions	1382		10,150	Transfer from General Account	6,070	
5,759	Secular Charities	4786		338	Other Charitable Collections	1,140	
11,131			8,529	11,131			8,529
137,826	Expenditure carried forward		113,830	124,022	Income carried forward		107,615

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON -ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2022 (Continued)

2021	Expenditure	£	2022 £	2021	Income	£	2022 £
137,826	Expenditure brought forward		113,830	124,022	Income brought forward		107,615
	Churchwardens Legacy Account				**Churchwardens Legacy Account**		
1,465	Mechair Ltd / GCS - C/Htg Service Contract	733		7,816	Interest	9,122	
5,000	Transfer to St James Repairs Account	0					
				7,816			9,122
6,465			733				
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth				**Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth**		
0	Youth Outings	307		248	Interest	294	
252	Educational resources and food	240		0	Sunday School Grant	800	
0	Kids Corner SJ furniture etc	743		0	Donations /crafts	90	
252			1,290	248			1,184
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust				**Ledder Cornish Brace Trust**		
0	Transfer to Fabric Reserve Account	984		14	Interest /Appreciation	51	
				0	Sale of shares	142	
0			984	14			193
0	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		1,277	12,443	Excess of Expenditure Over Income		0
144,543			118,114	144,543			118,114

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

Liabilities and Fund Balances					Assets			
2021		£	£	2022	2021		£	2022
£		INCOME	EXPENDITURE	£	£			£
	Fund Balances					Church of England		
	Unrestricted:					Central Board of Finance:		
49,940	General Account	86045	95310	40,675	152,235	Shares at Cost	152,000	
227,112	Churchwardens Legacy Account	9122	733	235,501		(Value as at 31/12/21 = £278,925)		
	Restricted:				100,833	Deposit Fund	106,850	258,850
10	Charities Account	8529	8529	10	100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
3,538	Repairs Account	2171	4333	1,376		Cash at Bank:		
15,716	Fabric Reserve Account	3739	3864	15,591	556	Deposit Account	0	
4,756	Vicars Discr'y Fund for Youth	1184	1290	4,650	111,852	Current Accounts	107,696	107,696
791	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust	193	984	0				
56,362	St James Restoration Fund	7131	1794	61,699				
358,225		118114	116837	359,502				
7,351	Monies Held On Account			7,144				
365,576				366,646	365,576			366,646

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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

CHARITABLE GIVING

2021	Charity Payments	2022	
£	Collections in Church	£	£
309	Children's Society	208	
131	Royal Liverpool Hospital	0	
203	Guide Dogs for the Blind	0	
0	Chester Clergy Family Charitable Trust	90	
0	RNLI NB	314	
0	Claire House	474	
0	3rd Wallasey Cub Scouts	192	
0	Wirral Hospice	40	
643			1,319
	Other Collections		
102	Wirral Foodbank (includes Bread & Spread)	233	
140	Leprosy Mission	130	
96	Barnabas Fund	90	
0	Claire House	366	
0	DEC Ukraine Appeal	100	
0	Bible Society	221	
338			1,140

2,021		2,022	
£	Direct Contributions from General A/C	£	£
985	Christian Aid	560	
485	Stick n Step	0	
985	Claire House Hospice	560	
485	Bridging the Wallasey Gap	0	
500	Wirral Debt Advice	560	
985	St John's Hospice	560	
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985	Tear Fund	560	
985	Wirral Churches Ark Project	560	
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985	Wirral Women and Children's Aid	560	
0	Toilet Twinning	240	
500	Mercy Ships vaccination appeal	0	
300	Daily Bread Ministries	165	
0	DEC Pakistan Appeal	500	
0	A Rocha Eco Church	125	
10,150			6070
11,131			8,529

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

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2021	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2022
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104	Church Ball	449
478	Lunch Club /Warm Spaces	478
103	Lighting Project	198
1,941	Bread & Spread Project	2046
251	Fun food and Friendship	251
25	SJ Repairs	0
168	Emmanuel Foodbank	0
20	Emmanuel Fabric Renewal	0
1,499	Choir Fund	1122
224	Beatrice Fish Garden	224
1,900	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1608
7,351		7144

2021 St James	2021 Emmanuel	Analysis of Fundraising	2022 St James	2022 Emmanuel
£	£		£	£
0	737	Summer Fair & Book Sale	614	857
746	1,428	Christmas Fair	0	1,531
61	0	Inspire Tube	295	0
136	0	Christmas card sales	0	0
2,212	0	Microlight sponsorship	29	0
20	0	Christmas Card opt out scheme 2021/2	113	0
0	35	Smarties tubes	0	0
0	6,615	Easter Chicks	0	0
509	0	Miscellaneous sales (Preserves, chicks, etc)	721	0
690	0	Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekends	150	0
0	0	Tram Evening	295	0
0	0	Queen Bee Drive	0	135
4,374	8,815		2,217	2,523

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0	35	Smarties tubes	0	0
0	6,615	Easter Chicks	0	0
509	0	Miscellaneous sales (Preserves, chicks, etc)	721	0
690	0	Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekends	150	0
0	0	Tram Evening	295	0
0	0	Queen Bee Drive	0	135
4,374	8,815		2,217	2,523

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON ST. JAME

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Accounts

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

2020	Liabilities and Fund Balances	£ INCOME	£ EXPENDITURE	2021 £
	Fund Balances			
	Unrestricted:			
66,188	General Account	80993	97,241	49,940
225,761	Churchwardens Legacy Account	7816	6,465	227,112
	Restricted:			
10	Charities Account	11131	11,131	10
1,276	Repairs Account	8126	5,864	3,538
23,787	Fabric Reserve Account	13411	21,482	15,716
4,760	Vicars Discr'y Fund for Youth	248	252	4,756
777	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust	14	0	791
48,109	St James Restoration Fund	10361	2,108	56,362
370,668		132100	144543	358,225
6,915	Monies Held On Account			7,351
377,583				365,576

2020 £	Assets	£	2021 £
	Church of England Central Board of Finance:		
152,235	Shares at Cost	152,235	
	(Value as at 31/12/21 = £315,878)		
105,294	Deposit Fund	100,833	253,068
100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
	Cash at Bank:		
542	Deposit Account	556	
119,412	Current Accounts	111,852	112,408
377,583			365,576

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REVEREND HEATHER ATKINSON (PCC CHAIRMAN)

H Atkinson 15.3.22

H. ATKINSON

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I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE BALANCE SHEET AND ANNEXED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOOKS AND RECORDS SUPPLIED TO ME.

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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2021

2020	Expenditure		2021
£	General Account	£	£
61,184	Parish Share	61,643	
2,309	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2,395	
1,194	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	1,117	
348	Wine, wafers, candles, lamps	216	
4,039	Heating, Lighting & Water	5,378	
7,122	Insurance Premiums	7,201	
1,560	Organist's fees	2,740	
53	Refreshment Expenses	133	
620	Photocopying (excl magazine)	2,078	
813	Sundries	922	
769	Magazine Costs	1,012	
1,738	Vestry phone and internet	1,455	
577	Music Worship Expenses	529	
100	Contribution to Charities Account	10,150	
208	Website	272	
82,634			97,241

2020	Income		2021
£	General Account	£	£
55,466	Net Gift Aided Givings	55,431	
440	Direct Givings Schemes	1,134	
3,768	Other Givings	5,151	
14,045	Tax Recovery on Givings	14,562	
73,719		76,278	
1,615	PCC Fees	2,019	
		£	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel	1340	
1,280	Lettings:- St James	90 1,430	
70	Interest	32	
785	Magazine sales and advertising	871	
319	Refreshment sales	363	
-43	Course fees written out	0	
77,745			80,993

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
1,452	Bailey & Birch Ltd - Elec Modifications	0	
0	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	41	
0	Proper Geeks replacement computer	875	
150	Elmwood Boiler service	150	
948	Furber Roofing	0	
180	JABirch & Son Church Maintenance	78	
0	Gardening and jet washing	60	
350	Makin Organs Ltd Tuning	0	
0	Roof/structural Repairs	19,914	
212	"HATS Ltd" - Hall Heater Repairs	364	
3,292			21,482

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
66	Donations	1,090	
245	Fund Raising	8,815	
108	Interest	11	
20	Tax Recovery	1,759	
20	Organ use	15	
290	Insurance claim	515	
0	Balance of closed account Emmanuel	1,206	
749			13,411

85,926	Expenditure Carried Forward	118,723	78,494	Income Carried Forward	94,404

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Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2021 (Continued)

2020 £	Expenditure	£	2021 £
85,926	Expenditure Brought Forward		118,723
	St James Restoration Fund		
1,258	Lloyd Evans Prichard - Prof Fees	0	
904	L.E.Partners -Prof Fees	0	
0	Bernard Taylor Ltd Prof Fees	1,800	
0	Heritage Weekends expenses	154	
0	Christmas Fair expenses	70	
0	Wirral Press- Leaflets	84	
2,162			2,108
	Repairs Account @ St James		
57	Church Maintenance	105	
319	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	491	
907	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	955	
0	Mather & Ellis Window repair	1,432	
420	Projector point -replacement	0	
515	K Fitzgerald - Gardening Fees	515	
795	Organ Tuning	1,192	
85	Birch & Son plumbing	0	
0	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Floodlight replacement	1,174	
110	M Lewis gas boiler service	0	
3,208			5,864
	Charities Account		
427	The Church Overseas	3,191	
5,064	Home Missions	2,181	
0	Secular Charities	5,759	
5,491			11,131
96,787	Expenditure carried forward		137,826

2020 £	Income	£	2021 £
78,494	Income Carried Forward		94,404
	St James Restoration Fund		
2,094	Gift Aid pledges	2,154	
2,169	Donations	1,559	
71	Miscellaneous	18	
854	Tax recovery	1,960	
1,680	Fund Raising	4,374	
2,086	Topmark (LPOW) VAT Recovery	296	
1,000	Historic Cheshire Churches Trust	0	
9,954			10,361
	Repairs Account @ St James		
76	Donations	262	
12	Interest	1	
50	Organ Use	175	
1,000	Transfer from Legacy Account	5,000	
0	Balance of closed accounts SJ	2,688	
1,138			8,126
	Charities Account		
330	Collections in Church	643	
100	Transfer from General Account	10,150	
4,895	Other Charitable Collections	338	
5,325			11,131
94,911	Income carried forward		124,022

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Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2021 (Continued)

2020	Expenditure	£	2021 £
£			
96,787	Expenditure brought forward		137,826
	Churchwardens Legacy Account		
1,430	Mechair Ltd - C/Htg Service Contract	1,465	
1,000	Transfer to St James Repairs Account	5,000	
2,430			6,465
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
18	Youth Outings	0	
0	Educational resources	252	
18			252
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
0		0	
0			0
3,778	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		0
103,013			144,543

2020	Income	£	2021 £
£			
94,911	Income brought forward		124,022
	Churchwardens Legacy Account		
7,816	Interest	7,816	
7,816			7,816
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
250	Interest	248	
250			248
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
36	Interest	14	
36			14
0	Excess of Expenditure Over Income		12,443
103,013			144,543

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL
CHARITABLE GIVING

2020	Charity Payments		2021
£	Collections in Church	£	£
330	Children's Society	309	
0	Royal Liverpool Hospital	131	
0	Guide Dogs for the Blind	203	
330			643
	Other Collections		
4,298	Wirral Foodbank / Emmanuel Foodbank	102	
327	Leprosy Mission	140	
0	Barnabas Fund	96	
312	Bread & Spread Project	0	
124	Fun, Food and Friendship	0	
5,061			338
	Direct Contributions from General A/C		
0	Christian Aid	985	
0	Stick n Step	485	
0	Claire House Hospice	985	
0	Bridging the Wallasey Gap	485	
0	Wirral Debt Advice	500	
0	St John's Hospice	985	
0	Water Aid	985	
0	Tear Fund	985	
0	Wirral Churches Ark Project	985	
0	RNLI (New Brighton)	985	
0	Wirral Women and Children's Aid	985	
100	Barnabas Fund	0	
0	Mercy Ships vaccination appeal	500	
0	Daily Bread Ministries	300	
100			10,150
5,491			11,131

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Notes

2020	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2021
£		£
605	Vicar's Fund	605
0	Youth Account	33
104	May Ball	104
478	Luncheon Club	478
66	Lighting Project	103
1,496	Bread & Spread Project	1,941
251	Fun food and Friendship	251
95	Covid Grant	0
200	Emmanuel Foodbank	168
0	Emmanuel Fabric Renewal	20
1,471	Choir Fund	1,499
224	Beatrice Fish Garden	224
1,900	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1,900
25	SJ Repairs	25
6,915		7,351

2020		Analysis of Fundraising	2021	
St James	Emmanuel		St James	Emmanuel
£	£		£	£
0	0	Summer/Autumn Fair	0	737
0	0	Christmas Fair	746	1,428
75	0	Inspire Tube / Collecting Boxes	61	0
0	112	Saturday Coffee Mornings	0	0
60	0	Christmas card sales	136	0
1,030	0	Microlight sponsorship	2,212	0
45	0	Christmas Card opt out scheme	20	0
0	165	Smarties tubes	0	35
0	0	Easter Chicks	0	6,615
316	0	Miscellaneous sales (Preserves, chicks, etc)	509	0
106	0	Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekends	690	0
48	0	3 Choirs concert	0	0
1,680	277		4,374	8,815

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Aim and purposes

St James with Emmanuel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Heather Atkinson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St James with Emmanuel. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and the Parish Development Group (a subgroup of the PCC) makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. An area we have been developing is ministry for young people. So far, we have implemented an all-age service at St James but these were suspended in person until September but in July 2021 we started a youth group for the older children, meeting at Emmanuel, unless on an outing. Parade Services restarted in September 2021. Due to Covid19, working with schools was not possible other than by our participation in Bridging the Wallasey Gap. In the latter part of 2021 rather than delivering to families, they were invited to collect their hampers from the member churches (See Organisation Reports). When things are back to normal, we will resume strengthening our ties. At the Parish Development Group, we have begun to look at youth work in other parishes with a view to learning from them. Initial conversations have been made regarding the older children (11+). We plan to hold more exploratory meetings when Covid19 restrictions permit. Sam Rowan was helping with this until he went on placement but we were joined by Liz Cooper Clark and her son Tom.

Vision of our Leading your Church into Growth Plan (LyCiG)

The Parish has a mission statement: -Together in Prayer, Worship, Community Care and Outreach.
The aim is to be a growing church both in spirituality, numbers and unity and to be confident in our faith through the engagement of the mission statement.

When planning our activities for the year, we have continued working on the **Leading Your Church into Growth** (LyCiG) plan which we initially developed together as the Lent group back in 2018. This document is flexible and transformative but was paused by Covid 19. People can openly suggest other ideas which can be taken to the PDG to develop. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St. James and Emmanuel

A) Worship and Church Buildings

Aims: - To continue to be welcoming churches and encourage worship across all ages.

The following were reinstated once C19 regulations allowed:
An All-Age Service has been implemented at St. James which can be advertised to all baptism families by email.
A twice yearly healing service at Emmanuel will be restarted. This could be a Taizé style service alternating

with Holy Communion which will be discussed at the PDG
Creativity in intercessions continues to be worked on.
We haven't forgotten children in worship though for most of 2021, Megan was the only child in church. We feel that the children should help in making the choice of hymns in the All Age service.
The use of Testimonies in services has been implemented.
Book reviews have been started at the Healing Service but put on hold during the pandemic. A book list was sent out during the year by Rev Heather which generated discussion with church family members.
A new screen needs to be set up at St James with monitors for the choir. We looked at Christ Church Moreton, St Peter's Heswall and St Mary's Eastham. Three quotes had already been already obtained but would need updating by the company chosen. The balance of sound at St. James needs to be reviewed long term.

B.) Care and Fellowship Aim: To deepen existing relationships and build on our links with the community. This will enable transformation to happen on different levels

Everyone on the electoral roll has been contacted during lockdown. Over the next 5 years we need to ensure that pastoral care is kept on top of with the congregation working together. Revd. Heather cannot expect see everyone. Care is everyone's responsibility to ensure a growing church still feels cared for. We need to work on further developing the pastoral care groups already started.

Home Communions is to be offered where necessary so people can still receive a service when they are ill. Currently only Revd. Heather and Ron Jones are doing this because of C19 restrictions. This will be developed in 2022

Funeral follow up: - Bereaved families are asked if they would like to have a post funeral visit. Bereavement visits where necessary are already taking place. The congregation were informed of a bereavement course run by the diocese and was attended by Liz Cooper Clarke.

Welcome people moving into the area: A welcome pack for community and visitors to church is slowly being developed. This extends pastoral care to the newest members of the community and gives presence. New people will know what is going on better.

Electoral roll follow up is still being developed.

Oversight of all congregation and newcomers to continue. It has been a great encouragement to welcome new people into our congregation.

Both churches have been accepted into the Places of Welcome scheme, Emmanuel on a Saturday morning and St James on a Thursday, but this has been put on hold in 2021 due to Covid19 restrictions.
Revd. Heather is also a member of the Coastal Committee which has continued to meet via Zoom. The local RNLI let Rev Heather know when they have been called out so that they can be included in prayer. From this information a leaflet was created informing people where to go to get help. Rev Heather had conversations with the RNLI and the Council for posters to be put in sites along the coast which attract visitors but also vulnerable people. Leaflets were sent to all churches in the Deanery, Churches Together and included in the BTWG hampers.

Other suggestions, which were put on hold with Covid 19, have included :
Valentines' dinner Epiphany party Car Boot sale or Auction

Get involved with Love New Brighton | Quiz at the pub | Cruise liner evening
A meal with a Christian speaker | Outings | Beetle drive
Film nights | Socials as opportunities to invite people outside of the church
Strawberry pick with strawberry tea and a service
Songs of Praise with meaning of hymns explained

c) Prayer and Spirituality: Aim to deepen existing faith within the congregation and to enable the community to know that they can ask for prayers

Testimony and Bible Notes will help, links to apps etc.
To encourage prayer for the church and growth. A bookmark of LYCIG prayer has been made and will be put out when C19 restrictions permit)
To mention any useful course in the pew sheet. (Ongoing) Members of leadership teams have been completing safeguarding courses online and Revd. Heather has been circulating daily readings and material from the Church of England.
The Lady Chapel at St James has been changed to be a practical place for prayer for all who come.
Votive candles have been put in place at St James and pebble bowl at Emmanuel.
Prayer walks around the Parish Boundary with tee-shirts and Picnic (flyers with service time make it become missional): still outstanding.
House groups: Two of the house groups have met online during 2021 and all will continue when circumstances permit.
Monthly Prayer group at St James has met online and Prayer and Toast moved to a WhatsApp group. We plan to encourage members of the congregation to pray before a service which our choirs do already.
Practical Prayer board at St. James.
A Youth Alpha course was started for the Youth Group in October 2021 . Sam Rowan started his placement in Portsmouth during the year exploring his call to Pioneer Ministry.
We welcomed Liz Cooper Clarke as a Reader in September 2021 and Fred Aspbury who moved into our parish is exploring ordained minister. He started the Foundation Course for ministry and has met with the Director of Ordinands.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

After lockdown, Revd. Heather continued filming and editing so we could continuing worshipping online., via our YouTube channel for those unable to come to church.

The Lifeboat service was postponed to 2022 though our Special Lives service was able to take place .

There were two weddings at St James in 2021 and one at Emmanuel

Ten funerals took place at St James, none at Emmanuel in 2021 and four funerals took place at the Crematorium.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 145 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll following the revision in October 2020.

Christmas: A Carol Service was held at St James with 68 people attending. 51 attended at the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve. At Emmanuel, the Christmas Tree Service was able to take place with a limited number of families doing Christmas crafts in the afternoon. The Christingle service also took place with two services the maximum of 150 people attending. Emmanuel's choir also took to the streets near the church to sing carols which was well received.

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People started to attend church more regularly as Covid cases declined, however some are still staying home and watching services online. Generally, the service attendances increased to 35-45 at St James and 25-35 at Emmanuel with a good attendance midweek at Emmanuel as the year went on. A service of BCP Communion was started in October 2021 and Choral Evensong in November.

Deanery Synod Meetings 2021

Sally Giles and Helen Harvey have been the lay representatives of the parish at Deanery Synod for the last year and report back to our PCC after each Synod meeting. All clergy licensed in the deanery are automatically members of the Deanery Synod so Revd. Heather also attends. The purposes of Deanery Synods are to share information amongst local churches, pray for each other, bring together the views of the parishes in the Deanery on common issues and make known provisions made by Diocesan Synod.
There are usually three meetings each year in February, May and September beginning with a time of worship. In 2021 the February Synod did not take place due to Covid. Subsequent meetings were on

- 11 May on Zoom
- 20 September at St James

On 11 May, the meeting opened with a Bible reading (1 Peter 4:10-11) and prayer led by the Rural Dean, Revd. Alan Ward. Business was chiefly confined to discussion of the Diocesan Synod elections as the current membership of that Synod ended on 31 July. Four places for clergy and 4 for laity were available for our Deanery with nominations being encouraged and the deadline for return of forms being 11 June.

On 20 September, opening worship was led by Heather and myself. The minutes of the last 2 Synod meetings were read and accepted before the Diocesan Synod report was distributed and discussed. The main part of the Synod was devoted to current Diocesan and National Church initiatives and as the different topics were presented and discussed, those parishes with a representative present reported on where they were in the process of each. Amongst these was –

Eco Diocese – This was discussed at Diocesan Synod in March. It is headed up by Archdeacon Ian Bishop. Bishop Mark signed the paperwork earlier this summer meaning that the diocese's commitment to work towards achieving Eco-Diocese status has been received and registered by A Rocha, the Christian charity behind the environment scheme."

Everyday Faith- St Nicholas was a pilot parish for "Setting God's People Free" which has now been rebranded as Everyday Faith.

Clergy Wellbeing Covenant – All PCCs must engage with the Covenant and report back on this matter before Easter 2022. There are plenty of materials available on the Church of England website and

Living in Love and Faith – This is a study course which explores the questions about how identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus. Response to this initiative is now also expected by Easter 2022. There are many resources available to help parishes engage with this process.

Recover and Refresh – Recover and Refresh is a series of webinars, resources, and ideas planned for the coming months to support clergy and churches to respond to the evolving cultural and social landscape we find ourselves in following the pandemic.

Growing Faith – which Jonathan Masters talked to Synod about in February 2020 is about encouraging the Church to include and value children, young people and households in every aspect of church life for the lifelong formation of faith.

Other Deanery News that was shared

- Revd Richard Avery's licensing as Associate Minister at St Hilary on Tuesday 28, September at 7.30
- Archdeacon's visitation for Wardens 19 October at 7.30 at St Mary's
- Bishop Julie is visiting Christ the King in Birkenhead on 18 October at 7pm.
- Next Synod meeting on 2 February 2022 at St Hilary.

Helen Harvey

St James Church: A Report upon the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The purpose of this report is to describe the structural condition of the Church building and assess the state of the furnishings and embellishments. Firstly, may we assure the meeting that the general state of the furnishings and embellishments in the church remain in excellent condition.

For the whole of 2021 the holding of church services was severely compromised to be in line with government Covid-19 restrictions with social distancing measures remaining in place. Eventually the dedicated and hard-working team that clean the church every week have been able to resume their excellent work. As always they deserve our gratitude and praise for the sterling service they put in. It is an unenviable task after windy days when there is, more often than not, dust – and worse, from the crumbling wall plaster.

During the year the ravages of the weather dislodged plaster and stonework from a part of a high clerestory window in the Narthex. Our architect arranged for our builders, Mather and Ellis, to effect temporary repairs. Fortunately, services were unaffected. The old lighting in the church continues to cause problems. Failed lighting units have been replaced with LEDs on an ad hoc basis and throw up further visibility problems. Consideration must be given to a more holistic approach to the improvement of illumination in certain areas of the church. Of course, nothing is cheap with this type of project.

2021 was the year that the Quinquennial inspection report for the Diocese was due. The report will be completed early in 2022.

John Codling and John Timms Churchwardens

Emmanuel Fabric Report

Following the major repairs to the main windows last year little has been needed in the way of repair other than some minor issues in recent weeks. A roof tile has been dislodged during the recent storms but has now been replaced.

Attention in the near future needs to be turned to the exterior. The trees need serious trimming, the front garden continues to be a challenge and the decking at the rear is beginning to rot and requires replacement. There is a metal shed standing on the decking, which houses the lawn mower and various gardening equipment, and needs to be emptied and the shed removed before work on the decking can commence.

Thanks to those who have worked on the planters at the side of the church bringing a nice colourful spring display.

The statuary annual inspections are being monitored:

- Heating systems and boilers serviced (there was an issue with one of the boilers but it seems to have resolved itself. It will be kept under close watch).
- Electrical system inspection not yet due.
- Annual Portable Appliance Testing has been carried out
- Fire extinguishers serviced

Colin Jones (Churchwarden)

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Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Revd. Heather Atkinson has visited some church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them in their homes. Hospitals are still not allowing visits other than end of life. Most pastoral work was carried out by telephone apart from funeral ministry. For the pastoral care group work, see Parish Development Group report.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Charitable giving, Foodbank Distribution Centre at St James, and AA are examples. AA resumed in August 2021 once restrictions allowed. See Foodbank Report. Summer 2021 saw the start of Youth Group at Emmanuel which started fortnightly on a Monday evening.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to subscribers and available at both churches and several outlets in the parish of New Brighton. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Safeguarding

Children were welcome and safe in the company of Jesus, and children and people at risk should be safe in Christ's Church. The Diocese of Chester and all its churches are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. Safeguarding is everyone's business, and the Safeguarding Team is available to discuss any concerns at any time. It currently consists of Revd. Heather, Sue Chadwick, Gill Walduck, Sara Sullivan, Helen Jones and Helen Harvey. There were no safeguarding concerns raised in 2021. The Safeguarding Committee met online on 16th February. Pcc Members have been encouraged to take part in the Diocesan Safeguarding training

Electoral Roll

As is, sadly, frequently the case, a number of long-standing members of the church have passed away during the period since the last meeting. I hope that I have managed to keep this information up to date and amend the roll accordingly. I do, however, apologise for any distress caused by the inclusion of any deceased persons. I have also had a number of applications for new or renewed membership which have been processed in accordance with the PCC regulations. Some of these people may not become full members until the next PCC meeting later in the summer. Please check the roll and have a word with me if you need to. Clearly nobody has been unaffected by the pandemic and it is quite possible that I have still included persons who are no longer active members of the congregation. Any help from church members in this area would be appreciated as we do not always hear when people pass away or move out of the area.

This is another of those years in which the roll is simply revised using the existing roll. We have a major revision every 6 years when all members have to resubmit their details. This year the roll is simply compiled using any amendments of which I am made aware.

Once again, our numbers have stayed fairly stable. There are now 145 members on the roll as at the date on this report compared with 142 at the date of the last meeting. If any regular church members are not the roll and wish to be, then I can supply a form which can be completed and returned to the PCC. We do occasionally find people who missed the revision and whose membership has therefore lapsed.

I thank all church members for helping me to keep the records up to date and the PCC secretary who ensures that all documentation and records are kept in accordance with the GDPR protocols.

Stephen Cottam, Electoral Roll Officer

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Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Wallasey. The Foodbank team at St James works together with members from Claremount Methodist Church and St Mary's Church, Liscard to assist those needing food. Bridging the Wallasey gap is a good example of working with 5 other churches. Revd. Heather has linked with the new pastor at New Brighton Baptist with a view to working together and already has a food working relationship with Revd. Lorraine Aizlewood Threlfall at St Andrews URC.

Financial Review
Treasurers Report 2021

Whilst 2021 was another difficult year due to coronavirus, thankfully church has been open a little more than in 2020 and some fundraising and other activities have taken place. Sadly we have lost some of our regular congregation and faithful supporters, but our investments have done well. Overall I'd like to present a cautiously optimistic report to you on the church's financial position.

General Account

This is our main account for both receiving income and paying bills. Expenditure exceeded income again, but it should be noted that the charitable giving from this account for 2020 was postponed until the beginning of 2021, so the expenditure figure of £97,000 does include £5,000 which really relates to 2020. Hence the gap between income and expenditure for 2021 was actually £11,248 on the general account.

Expenditure on heating and lighting increased significantly and will continue to do so in 2022 as the buildings are used more and fuel costs soar nationally. Photocopying costs obviously reflect the need to provide separate copies rather than encourage sharing, and the magazine cost rose again due to the use of colour throughout the year. This is currently being reviewed. Internet costs decreased slightly as the contract for St James was renegotiated. Most other costs remained similar or changed in a predictable fashion due to the pandemic.

There was a slight increase in income to this account compared to 2020 but this is still lower than pre-pandemic. The increase in 'other givings' reflects the return of larger numbers to services at Christmas and church parade etc. where more cash is donated. Lettings have started to increase again at Emmanuel.

Fabric Reserve Account at Emmanuel

An unusually large amount of expenditure on this account due to the structural repairs needed to the front of the building. Many thanks to David Worgan and Colin Jones for pursuing this and hopefully finding a long term solution to the problem. A replacement for the geriatric computer became necessary but this was kindly funded by a donation from a member of the congregation. Income was also much higher than usual on this account due to a fundraising appeal to help with the repairs and also the return of the Christmas and late summer fairs. Long may this continue.

St James Restoration Fund

Limited expenditure here with the exception of some professional fees relating to planning for phase 3. On the income side, fund raising was enhanced by the collection of sponsorship pledges for the Microlight flight which was finally able to take place, much of which was also eligible for tax recovery. Other donations were slightly down compared to 2020 but money was raised through the return of the Christmas Fair and continued sales of the ever-popular chicks and preserves.

Monies raised specifically for the chancel and restoration of the 'Angels' are included in this account but kept aside for that purpose. This fund continues to be expertly managed by Trevor Thomas.

Repairs Account at St James

Expenditure on this account increased from 2020 due to the need for window repairs and also the

replacement of some floodlights, together with three visits by the organ tuner. Other costs were mostly consistent with previous years.
Income to this account was mostly in the form of a transfer from the Legacy Account agreed by the PCC in 2020 and also from the closure of two small accounts held by the diocese, one relating back to the sale of the church hall. The remaining balance is unlikely to meet the costs of maintenance in 2022.

Churchwarden's Legacy Account

Despite turbulent times in the British economy this account continued to present a healthy balance due to sound investments with the Central Board of Finance. The only unusual expenditure was the aforementioned transfer.

Charities Account

Page 5 shows a full analysis of our charitable givings which include £5,000 from the General Account relating to 2020 in addition to 2021 donations. 'Other collections' were reduced once again due to a lack of fundraising events such as coffee mornings and Christian Aid week activities, and the temporary suspension of 'Bread and Spread' and 'Fun, Food and Friendship', money is held on account to use when these activities are once again practical. In addition charitable donations in the form of food and toiletries are collected in Emmanuel and donated directly to Wirral Foodbank.

Vicars Discretionary Fund for Youth

Sadly there has been very little activity on this account this year.

Ledder Cornish Brace Trust

As in previous years the only activity on this account was interest received. The PCC has agreed that this Trust can now be wound up.

Review of Resources

The parish continues to find itself in the fortunate position of having sufficient funds for all foreseeable events, despite a second very difficult year. However, as can be seen in the balance sheet, there was an excess in expenditure over income on the General Account. Whilst this is a relatively small proportion of overall income, we should perhaps be mindful of the situation, particularly as we live in a time of rapidly rising fuel costs, for example. The Repairs Account at St James is also now reliant on transfers from the Legacy Account. Fortunately our funds invested with the CCLA have done particularly well and as at 31/12/21 our shares were worth double their original value. With rising costs and a very uncertain economic future for the nation the PCC will, as always, need to be prudent but also extremely grateful for the generosity of the parish.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the PCC to keep a considerable sum in the unrestricted account as a cash balance to offset the many and varied needs of the two church buildings. This is usually at least six months unrestricted payments and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of approximately £50,000 in the General Account at the end of 2021 conforms to this policy.

The two restricted funds: Reserve Account at Emmanuel and Repairs Account at St James, exist to cover the costs of maintaining the physical buildings. Whilst the Reserve Account at Emmanuel holds ample funds for the coming year, the PCC is aware that the Repairs Account for St James now needs to be supplemented from other funds or fundraising. The parish is fortunate to have a legacy, largely invested with the CCLA, which has remained largely untouched this year. This legacy provides investment income for the parish and is also available for larger projects, or to supplement maintenance when necessary.

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This is my fourth annual report. I continue to be extremely grateful to Trevor for providing a sounding board for decisions, and for proof reading my efforts at accounting, and my thanks also go to those who help by counting, checking and banking our funds, especially John Codling and his team at St James, and Viv Lythgoe at Emmanuel, and also to George Merrill who does a fantastic job as our Gift Aid secretary never missing a penny that could be reclaimed.

Sally Giles February 2022

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church enable to be an open presence under difficult circumstances. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens John Timms and John Codling at St James' and Colin Jones at Emmanuel who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and all members of the various subgroups: PCC, PDG, Cleaning Team, Refreshments Team. Choirs at both churches found it difficult because of Covid restrictions. Revd Heather and Ron Jones worked under restrictions as the serviced opened up more. Mike Collins stepped in when he could safely do so as a carer for his family. Revd. Marcus covered Revd. Heathers absences for annual leave and has begun to preach once a month.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St James with Emmanuel, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens from both churches, two readers who were co-opted at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 65%. The meetings in May, July, September and November were all virtual meetings by Zoom. The APCM for 2021 was conducted May as a face to face meeting fortunately before C19 cases rose.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include The Parish Development Group, Restoration Management Committee and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and reporting back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

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Administrative information

St James and Emmanuel Churches are situated in the parish of New Brighton which is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Albion Street New Brighton CH45 9LF. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Heather Atkinson (Chairman)
Wardens:	Mr John Timms and Mr John Codling (St James) Mr Colin Jones (Emmanuel)
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs Helen Harvey: (St James)
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs Sara Sullivan: (Emmanuel) to October 2020
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs Sally Giles from October 2020
Readers:	Mr Ronald Jones and Mr Michael Collins (Co-opted)

Elected members: St James
Sue Chadwick
Angela Adams
Vanessa Martlew from October 2020
Keith Selby
Richard Wilberforce

Elected Members: Emmanuel
Ann Barlow from October 2020
Sara Sullivan from October 2020
Sarah Merrill
George Merrill
Carol Cliff Wilcock

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Organisational Reports

Vicarage House Group

Due to Covid we started to meet on zoom but not everyone wanted to use zoom. 6-7 have done so. We used Jesus Shaped People course, Stay alert to the Spirit as suggested on the Chester Diocesan Website. As the weather got warmer, we met in the vicarage garden and a couple who would rather not zoom came then.
We started to look at the **B**ook of Revelation with Marcus joining us but put this on hold when it was too cold to be outside and those not wanting to Zoom being interested to carry on with Revelation when the warmer weather comes next in 2022. One of our member wanted to look at studying the daily meditations of Fr Richard Rohr. We had a few zoom sessions before the end of the year with this material with Maureen Hennessy choosing which meditations to concentrate on. Prayer support always forms a part of the meeting along with discussion.

Vestry Prayer Group

Apart from on one balmy evening in June when three of us were pleased to pray together outside church, every meeting in 2021 and so far this year, has been a Zoom call, and we are very grateful to Sue without whose efforts this wouldn't be possible. Sadly, Zoom is too big a challenge for one of our members, and another has left the area, but we still have eight or nine faithful participants.
In the second year of the pandemic, we have offered thanks to God for the continuing sacrifice and dedication of all who work in health care, and for their protection. It has been good to pray for our three new bishops, for Holy Spirit School and for all schoolchildren, students and teachers as they have tried to make up for learning time lost during lockdowns.
Conscious of the plans to develop the garden around St James' and the need to recruit helpers from the community, we have prayed about the effects of human activity on climate change and for the success of last November's COP 26 conference in its attempts to mitigate this.
At a time when continuing Covid rules have complicated life for so many of us and our loved ones, we have shared our anxieties for our own family members, and have prayed for our church family at Emmanuel and at St James', for our parish, and for our nation, commending to God's love and care all who have lost family members at this time.
World problems are a constant focus; the people of the Yemen, of Beirut, Iraq and Syria, the conflicts in Africa. We think of and pray for all refugees, for the people of Afghanistan now the Taliban are in control, and we put into God's hands the evolving terrible situation in the Ukraine.
Above all, we are thankful that God has blessed us richly, and pray that we might share His gifts generously.

Angela Adams 30/03/22

Vicarage Prayer Group

Due to covid, instead of meeting at the vicarage for prayers and toast on a Wednesday, we started a prayer meeting on WhatsApp on Tuesday afternoon 4.30pm. There are 6 participants.

Youth Group

Before Lockdown 2020 we had started talking about the needs of older children especially as we hadn't seen them during Covid apart from Megan who attended both services each week. In sounding out our youth members, they were happy to meet so we have a small group with young people from both churches who met fortnightly during term time for the remainder of 2021. We have covered topics of trust, heaven,

Halloween and the occult, and begun Youth Alpha towards the end of the year. We have also enjoyed physical activities such as playing football on the beach. The format is 'eat together, play together and learn together'. Team leaders are Revd Heather, Liz Cooper Clark, Sam Rowan (until placement), Fred Aspbury. With Sam and Fred having placements, Tom , Liz's son came on board toward the end of the year.

St James Foodbank 2021

New Year 2021 saw Wirral Foodbank go back into lockdown mode with the few centres that had opened earlier in the pandemic, closing again and food delivered centrally from Wirral Tennis Centre. Most of the St James helpers had gone to help at the Grosvenor Centre in Liscard during 2020 but we were all relieved when in late Spring 2021, we could once again open at St James.

Currently Foodbank is a very different format in that food comes pre-packaged from the warehouse according to family size though we are trying to give clients more choice by the many additional baskets we put out each week. It is a lot of heavy work.

Thank you to all our volunteers from St James, Claremount Methodist and those who just come along to help, some every week. Whilst we are not a particularly busy centre, we are so pleased that we can once more help families in need.

Sue Chadwick

Fun Food and Friendship /Bridging the Wallasey Gap

Sadly the pandemic put paid to hosting face to face activities in church as we had done in the past, but we still managed to support needy families by joining forces with the 5 other churches that form part of Bridging the Wallasey Gap to apply for grants. The first part of the year we applied for grants from Wirral Council (using funds from the Department of Work and Pensions) and Edsential (using funds from the Department for Education) to provide hampers of food and activities direct to families at home thanks to Lorraine Aizlewood Threlfall, her family and the St Andrews minibus. We asked 10 local primary schools to each nominate 10 families in greatest need each holiday period. From Autumn 2021, we started devolving the hamper provision to each of the member churches. Ambient produce was delivered to each church and topped up with fresh produce purchased by that church. Families were then invited to church to pick up their hampers. This is the model we are currently using. We also supported 30 local families with weekly hampers to the end of 2021

Member churches: St Alban's, St Joseph's, St James and Emmanuel, St Andrews, St Mary's, Seacombe URC

Sue Chadwick

Parish Development Group

The Parish Development has representation from both churches: It is chaired by Reverend Heather.

St James Members: Angela Adams, Sue Chadwick, Helen Harvey, Keith Selby, Vanessa Martlew

Emmanuel Members :Ann Barlow, Sam Rowan, Rob O'Neill, Sara Sullivan, Cath Tunstall,

Meetings during 2021 were largely held by Zoom though we did hold the December meeting face to face.

Because it meets bimonthly alternating with the Parochial Church Council, it allows for debriefing and planning in a timely manner, particularly looking at major events such as Christmas and Easter, all which posed their own particular problems during the pandemic.

St James audio visual project: Rev Heather, Helen Harvey and Sue Chadwick were able to look at systems in some local churches once restrictions were lifted.

We revisited looking at the pastoral groups once services were back to normal

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During the latter part of the year, we started looking at how we can start the journey on becoming an eco-friendly church. Minutes of PDG meetings are sent to the Parochial Church Council.

Sue Chadwick

St James Restoration Management Committee

As we lunge from varying levels of concern over Covid-19, our meetings have in the main occurred using the virtual and ubiquitous Zoom or MS Teams on-line formats. One or two have been conducted in person – a far more productive way.

In short we have continued to progress and refine the requirements for phase 3 of the restoration. Adrian Pearson, the church architect, has refined detailed drawings to include remedial work to the high clerestory windows due to the poor condition of the stonework.

As the projected costs of Phase III will be around £300,000 we have been considering carefully the latest set of requirements from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Later in 2021 they produced new guidelines to reflect the needs of people in the light of a Covid affected world. Involvement of the local community continues to be an important part of any successful bid so work has been centred around the development of interest in a community garden.

With accessibility as an important requirement, the church hosted a special service to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Guide Dogs for the Blind charity. It was the considerable canine attendance at this service that caused great amusement and an indication that there are many parts of the community that we must engage with.

During the summer the church participated in the Count for Nature under the Caring for God's Acre national scheme. This gave us a good idea of what flora and fauna we host. A newsletter with questionnaire was distributed to much of New Brighton in the late autumn and there are encouraging signs from the public that they are keen to see our garden area developed and that there is a gardening contingent that is willing to help. We intend to reach out and involve them further.

Another section of society that has been largely missing from involvement in the church is the young. We are planning to build some temporary raised beds for the use of local primary schools. The schools are keen to be involved and we shall be able to have the use of the church's facilities as lockdown restrictions are lifted.

John Codling RMC Chair

In*S*pire Report for 2021

As is the situation with most organisations, fund raising activity at St James has been considerably reduced over the past twelve months due to Covid restrictions. However, we did hold two events plus Heather's deferred Microlite flight.

Microlite flight: After many delays due to the weather and Covid, Heather finally managed to take to the skies in May. Heather's fantastic effort (and courage!) raised a staggering **£2,242.**

National Heritage Open days: We did participate in the event on Saturday 18th September when we hosted a Mini-Organ Recital featuring our very own talented organists John Tennant, John Hewitt & Katinka Mitchell. Visitors were able to sit back and enjoy their cream teas whilst listening to a superb programme of diverse organ music. A big THANK YOU to John, John & Katinka.

The event raised **£690.40**, which also included Sales of Lesley McLellan's preserves.

Christmas Fair on Saturday 20th November. This was a cut-down version of our usual fair with only one guest stall. Nevertheless, we raised a very respectable **£782**in just 3 hours.

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As always my thanks go to the magnificent "inSpire" Team – Lesley McLellan, Angela Adams, Wendy Wilberforce, Rev Heather, Janet Budworth & Carole Hille for their hard work, creative talents and their time.

Julia Codling "inSpire" Chair

Sunday Schools

Mustard Seeds at St James

As the spring flowers form buds and show their faces to the world so we also see new growth in Mustard Seeds following the darker days of COVID.

Our little group is beginning to grow, and it is lovely to welcome our new families and their children. It is wonderful to hear the buzz of happy, little voices on a Sunday morning.

Thank you, members of the congregation, for bearing with us as we have used the narthex area for our activities and thank you for your continued prayers for our group.

It has been lovely to welcome Liz and to begin to get to know her friends and family.

Another thank you- to Carole, Janet and Helen Harvey who no longer wish to have a regular commitment to Mustard Seeds, but I know they support us in other ways. We have appreciated you regular contribution and know that we can call on you from time to time if needed.

If anyone feels that they could offer support with Mustard Seeds then Heather, Lynn or I would be delighted to hear from you. Lynn and I currently alternate weeks but a fifth Sunday sometimes causes a difficulty for us. A few more willing hands would be welcome.

Helen Jones

Sunday School at Emmanuel

We started back as Sunday School in September 2021, after an 18 month break due to Covid and its restrictions.

We have had an increase in Numbers since September which has been really nice. Sarah Merrill has been the backbone of Emmanuel Sunday School with the lessons and Ideas she comes up with, and always being there.

Even with Covid restrictions we have been able to have the Christmas Crafts and Christmas tree service both in December 2020 and December 2021 along with the Christingle services they have been well attended. We have also had our ever popular Easter Crafts on Good Friday 2021 following all the guidance at the time. Sara Sullivan retired from Emmanuel Sunday School in September 2021. I would like to Thank Sara for all her hard work with Sunday School for always being there preparing and taking lessons and leading Sunday school. Thank you.

Many Thanks to the people of Emmanuel for supporting their Sunday School. Thank you also to Catherine Tunstall for stepping in when Sarah and I cannot be there.

Carol Cliff-Wilcock.

Report of the activities of St James Choir (May 21 onwards)

I concluded last year's report in the hope that things would improve with regard to the Covid-19 situation.

The numbers vaccinated were increasing and it seemed that we would be able to reopen during the summer. Again, this virus did not always follow its expected course; about the only predictable fact about the disease. July saw the opening up of many places whose activities had been suspended or severely curtailed for over a year and there were still regulations and guidance in place; not always easy to decide which was statutory and which was advisory. This affected the activities of the choir as it was not always clear how we could operate within them.

Over the summer we investigated ways of getting sung music back into the services and most of the members returned. There was still a need for more spacing and even now we still have some members in the sanctuary when we have a full choir. In the autumn we managed to get a consistently larger choir and we began to think about what would happen at Christmas. The Omicron variant made us realise that things were far from normal (and would curtail activities in the new year) but we were able to prepare and sing a full carol service and there was a choir at the Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve. We were also able to sing hymns and worship songs.

Around this time we were very pleased to welcome two new members who have settled well into the regular regime of practices and sung services. As indicated the omicron variant made us once again aware of social distancing rules, but as we came to understand the "New Normality" we worked out ways to stay safe.

In the early days of 2020 we had been looking forward to a visit to Southwell Minster in Nottinghamshire. A diocesan cathedral, although not so well known as many others. Obviously plans had to be put on hold, but it is with great pleasure I can announce that the choir is booked to sing Evensong at the Cathedral at the beginning of May. The music has been selected and practice will commence soon. We have been able to sing Evensong at St. James once a month since last autumn. A change of date to the first Sunday of the month was implemented at that time. We have a very faithful congregation at the service and some new "regulars" have increased our number.

While there is no Good Friday performance this year, we are hoping to tale a full part in the celebrations of Easter and the upcoming Platinum Jubilee. We have looked at an anthem specially written for the occasion by John Rutter which may be suitable for performance to celebrate what will be a unique event for everyone involved.

The choir is frequently asked to sing at funeral and memorial services to former members of the church. The easing of restrictions has made these easier to arrange and the choir always tries to give as good performance of the music within the bounds of available members' availability. The choir was asked to sing at the funeral of Dr. Paul Stevenson, one-time organist of St. John's and who assisted us at St. James on many occasions. We have also sung at memorial services to members of the church who have passed away.

As I complete this most strange report, I must not forget our organists and musical team, John Tennant, John Hewitt and Katinka all of whom have been so loyal to our cause for these long months of lockdown. Their great reward will come as the choir can once again sing fully at all our services without restriction. I must also thank Richard who has acted as liaison in keeping the members updated through various media. All members have contributed in some way, with witty articles and comments, stories about church musicians far and near and adventures during the confines of lockdown. Richard has made sure that we all get to hear about them.

As we look ahead to the next year we hope that, indeed, life and our contribution to the life of the church, will continue to return to normality and that we will make it our first priority to enhance the quality of all services through our music and singing.

Stephen Cottam, March 2022

Parish Music Group

Following the prolonged shut down the band was pleased to be able get back together again in October and

after a couple of weeks you would never have thought that they had not played for 18 months. They were up to speed for their first outing being the October parade service and a few weeks later the Christmas Tree service which is quite demanding with the number of carols played within about 45 minutes.

Once again my grateful thanks to the members of the band who diligently attend weekly practice, and as the band now consists of all adults, life can sometimes get in the way.

As always, anyone who plays an instrument would be most welcome to come and join us, this is a Parish band, not an Emmanuel band as sometimes it is referred. Providing you have some knowledge of reading music and have limited playing ability this is a good opportunity to regularly play with others and hone your gift, which is always better than playing on your own.

Currently the band consists of:
Keyboard
Guitar
Trumpet
Saxophone
Clarinets x 2

Colin Jones

Little Hands (Emmanuel)

Little Hands is a Parents, Carers and Toddlers group held in Emmanuel church hall every Tuesday between 9:15 and 11:15 during term time. We have a wide variety of toys to choose from and we try to put different toys out each week to keep the children entertained.
This year began differently and presented some challenges as we were getting used to life with COVID floating in the shadows. We had to reduce the number of people allowed in the building each week, stop providing snacks and beverages and only place toys out that could be easily wiped down. Due to the fact that we were not providing refreshments, we reduced the entrance fee to just £1 per adult.
In September the guidance all changed again and everything was more relaxed. This meant that we could reintroduce snacks and refreshments, much to the delight of the children and adults. We now see roughly 15 children every week and the majority of these are regulars.
The children enjoy singing during circle time and look forward to the company of our new helper, Sarah Maxwell. For our Christmas party this year we hired Miss Freckles again and Father Christmas made an appearance too of course! (Who else was going to bring Christmas presents for all the children?).
Recently we celebrated Easter with an Easter raffle and a service led by the delightful Marcus, followed by an Easter egg hunt and a special Easter themed snack, (pancakes and hot cross buns! Yummy!). Over the next couple of weeks we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with crafts such as crowns and flags.
I would like to thank Cath, Gill, Sarah and Julie for their support each week. I would also like to thank Jenny for her occasional help in the kitchen and Barbara for still bringing a little sunshine to the end of some of our sessions. And last but not least, a huge thank you to the PCC for their unwavering support and good will.

Kizzie, (Kyrie-dee Lyons).

Mens Lunch Munch

Takes place every second Friday in the month, meeting at The Lighthouse in Wallasey Village at 12.30pm. Numbers have dwindled during the last twelve months and it's become a meeting of "The Old Faithful", with the emphasis on 'the faithful', of course (less on 'the old').
There's a saying: "The more the merrier" – which also applies to our lunch, so do come and join us.

George Merrill

Women's Fellowship.

Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to arrange a programme of meetings during 2021.
We did however manage to organise an evening of Christmas worship as usual in church, which was a lovely occasion followed by a faith supper in the coffee area. It was well attended and I think welcomed by all after the constraints of the previous months. Any other meetings were a chance for coffee, cake and a chat as the restrictions began to ease.
We look towards more regular meetings in 2022 and have already enjoyed two evening talks by our own Rob O'Neil and Sara Maxwell. Both stepped in with very little time to prepare, for which I wholeheartedly thank them.
We meet on the second Thursday of the month at Emmanuel church at 8.o'clock. All are welcome.

Vivienne Lythgoe

28th Wallasey (Emmanuel) Guide Group

Rainbows

What a year it has been! After a difficult number of months, with numbers capped and restrictions, we are finally back to a full strength pack of 20 girls, as always we have an increasing waiting list of girls eager to join (so please contact me early if you have a potential member).
We started meeting face to face again in June 2021, our small group of girls completed lots of animal themed tasks, including making and caring for our own pets and making animal cakes achieving their "Animal Lovers" badge. We spent lots of time outside, finishing for the summer with a trip to the fairy vale where our 3 new rainbows took their promise.
Returning in September brought an influx of new rainbows, meaning a mass enrolment of 12 girls. This term we completed the "Healthy Mind" and "Autumn" badge. We enjoyed sensory walks, relaxation and the challenge to spend a whole day without digital devices!! Autumn brought darker evenings and more indoor time. Bonfire night was incredibly exciting, with thanks to our visiting scout, the girls enjoyed building a bonfire, toasting marshmallows and campfire songs. Finishing the evening with some glow stick dancing. Our Christmas party was lots of fun, dancing, crafting and a mystery to solve! Who stole those mince pies and where are they now?
This year, we have started looking at festivals, we have tried Chinese writing, cooking pancakes with a tealight and tin, searched for leprechauns and made food for garden bird. Completing our Feel Good Skills Builder along the way.

All this would not have been possible without the dedication and support of our team that help make the pack enjoyable and fun. As ever I would like to thank Jennifer Long, Bev Lindsay and our willing Guide and Ranger helpers Maisie, Daisy and Ellie for their continued hard work, and look forward to a successful year ahead.

Rainbow Guider – Sparkle (Gillian Leigh)

Brownies

The Brownies were eager to return to face to face meetings after Covid, even though they were socially distanced at first.
They have gained their 'Innovate Skills Builder' badge and have completed activities such as making a structure from cocktail sticks and midget gems, performing dances using algorithms (a set of instructions). The girls also found out about inventions and designed their own. They have created pictures using cotton wool buds and decorated tiles using masking tape and permanent pens.
We enjoyed eating smores and singing songs on Bonfire night. Thanks to George Merrill for organising the

campfire.
For Remembrance Day we decorated stones and put them on display in church.
The girls have also completed their 'First Aid' badge. They have also enjoyed an evening of giving each other a hand massage.
Kate (Brown Owl)

Guides

We were lucky enough to be the first group back in Wallasey after COVID restrictions with limited numbers so with 22 returning we had to alternate weeks. We also welcomed Becky to our team. We finished off our Spread the Love badge we started before lockdown as we all needed a bit of kindness after all we had been through. We also did our Meditation badge thinking about how it can increase our concentration, reduce stress and improve our happiness.
In September Church Parades restarted so we did a small play for Harvest.
For bonfire night I asked George to come and teach us how to build a fire and we cooked smores, ate hot dogs and made chocolate apples. Thank you, George.
For a promise ceremony we went to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and saw the illuminations. We had fun on the rides with only 2 brave enough for the Big One (even Becky chickened out). Thank you to Gilbrook School for the use of their minibus.
We made peppermint creams to sell at the Christmas Fair and had a Christmas Party to finish the year with 15 on register.
Thank you to my leaders, Lisa, Cath, Becky and Kate (when I'm stuck) I couldn't do it without you. Here's to hopefully a more normal year.

Sarah - Guide Leader

3rd Wallasey (Emmanuel) Scout Group

Beavers

This year the Beavers have been busy working on their activity and skills badges. They have been developing their book reading skills, sharing favourite books with each other and explaining why they would recommend them.
The Beavers have been very excited to take part in their science and experiment badge. This involved growing plants and discussing why those plants need sun and water to grow.
They have also been looking at health and fitness, learning what is good for our bodies and why we need to look after them.
The 'Looking After Animals' were the group sessions the Beavers particularly enjoyed. The Young Leaders who are lucky enough to have their own pets shared their experience with the others, and we talked about how we should all look after animals, regardless of whether they are our own pets or not.
I would also like to congratulate Daniel, one of our Beavers who will soon be joining our Cub pack. He has worked very hard both in the meetings and at home to achieve his Chief Scout's Bronze award. This is the highest award a Beaver can receive and involves a great deal of work outside the meetings. Well done Daniel, and thank you to your parents for their support.

Sheila - Beaver Leader

Cubs

This year has been full on for Cubs who have consistently held large numbers, over 20 and are beginning to feed the Scouts back up with numbers.
They have enjoyed scientific adventures, gardening with the community, as well as more traditional

scouting activities like knots and cooking.
A highlight was the trip to OSL where the Cubs were on site to do lots of activities in a self contained space (still conscious of Covid)
Many cubs have earned disability awareness badges and athletics from direction from the YLs who help out and the new Leaders Jo and Lizzie.
We are all healthy in scouting and ready to go again bigger and better now we can welcome back the wider community.

Kim (Akela)

Scouts

The pandemic tore through the agenda but we managed to breathe life into the movement and section via Zoom. There was plenty of interaction through videos I put on Facebook and virtual camps to join in with. So much so that we did not have a summer break in order to cater for children without access to outside.
In an attempt to upscale interaction I dropped off packs to the homes of children and lent camping gear, Trangia etc so they could experience a bit of first hand scouting.
We lost one Scout who did not enjoy the digital version but we did get back to physical meetings starting off with games.
I have been developing as a District Leader and helped to get some events off the ground which the section attended at Easter and Summer. I now have an SUP permit and have been taking the Scouts to the River Dee for 'on the water' activities.
Many Scouts missed things due to isolation but we have used the Old School Lodge (near Llanberis) for the Patrol Leaders camp, the headquarters in Broadway Avenue for district days, a Trading Post at 12th and the boathouse locally.

Face to Face was great!
12th and 3rd banded together to run events and this extends into the expedition planned for April 2022.
Many badges have been awarded but no Chief Scout Gold as the Scouts need to complete the expedition.
We are very well supported by two Young Leaders who are enthusiastic and capable.
We now have to pay to store our equipment which cannot continue as it is very costly so alternatives are being sought.
We are looking to raise funds for a Young Leader to attend World Jamboree in our name and will likely ask to use the Church.
Chamboree is in summer which will be the first week long camp for three years but we will be camping in Cheshire with Tim Peake no less!
Thanks for your continued support.

Graham

Approved and signed on behalf of the PCC by the Reverend Heather Atkinson

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

2020	Liabilities and Fund Balances	£ INCOME	£ EXPENDITURE	2021 £
	Fund Balances			
	Unrestricted:			
66,188	General Account	80993	97,241	49,940
225,761	Churchwardens Legacy Account	7816	6,465	227,112
	Restricted:			
10	Charities Account	11131	11,131	10
1,276	Repairs Account	8126	5,864	3,538
23,787	Fabric Reserve Account	13411	21,482	15,716
4,760	Vicars Discr'y Fund for Youth	248	252	4,756
777	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust	14	0	791
48,109	St James Restoration Fund	10361	2,108	56,362
370,668		132100	144543	358,225
6,915	Monies Held On Account			7,351
377,583				365,576

2020 £	Assets	£	2021 £
	Church of England Central Board of Finance:		
152,235	Shares at Cost	152,235	
	(Value as at 31/12/21 = £315,878)		
105,294	Deposit Fund	100,833	253,068
100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
	Cash at Bank:		
542	Deposit Account	556	
119,412	Current Accounts	111,852	112,408
377,583			365,576

C.J.JONES
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APPROVED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON
SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY
REVEREND HEATHER ATKINSON (PCC CHAIRMAN)

H Atkinson 15.3.22

H. ATKINSON

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I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE BALANCE SHEET AND ANNEXED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOOKS AND RECORDS SUPPLIED TO ME.

Clayla

C. TAYLOR

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2021

2020	Expenditure		2021
£	General Account	£	£
61,184	Parish Share	61,643	
2,309	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2,395	
1,194	Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance	1,117	
348	Wine, wafers, candles, lamps	216	
4,039	Heating, Lighting & Water	5,378	
7,122	Insurance Premiums	7,201	
1,560	Organist's fees	2,740	
53	Refreshment Expenses	133	
620	Photocopying (excl magazine)	2,078	
813	Sundries	922	
769	Magazine Costs	1,012	
1,738	Vestry phone and internet	1,455	
577	Music Worship Expenses	529	
100	Contribution to Charities Account	10,150	
208	Website	272	
82,634			97,241

2020	Income		2021
£	General Account	£	£
55,466	Net Gift Aided Givings	55,431	
440	Direct Givings Schemes	1,134	
3,768	Other Givings	5,151	
14,045	Tax Recovery on Givings	14,562	
73,719		76,278	
1,615	PCC Fees	2,019	
		£	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel	1340	
1,280	Lettings:- St James	90 1,430	
70	Interest	32	
785	Magazine sales and advertising	871	
319	Refreshment sales	363	
-43	Course fees written out	0	
77,745			80,993

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
1,452	Bailey & Birch Ltd - Elec Modifications	0	
0	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	41	
0	Proper Geeks replacement computer	875	
150	Elmwood Boiler service	150	
948	Furber Roofing	0	
180	JABirch & Son Church Maintenance	78	
0	Gardening and jet washing	60	
350	Makin Organs Ltd Tuning	0	
0	Roof/structural Repairs	19,914	
212	"HATS Ltd" - Hall Heater Repairs	364	
3,292			21,482

	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
66	Donations	1,090	
245	Fund Raising	8,815	
108	Interest	11	
20	Tax Recovery	1,759	
20	Organ use	15	
290	Insurance claim	515	
0	Balance of closed account Emmanuel	1,206	
749			13,411

85,926	Expenditure Carried Forward	118,723	78,494	Income Carried Forward	94,404

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2021 (Continued)

2020 £	Expenditure	£	2021 £
85,926	Expenditure Brought Forward		118,723
	St James Restoration Fund		
1,258	Lloyd Evans Prichard - Prof Fees	0	
904	L.E.Partners -Prof Fees	0	
0	Bernard Taylor Ltd Prof Fees	1,800	
0	Heritage Weekends expenses	154	
0	Christmas Fair expenses	70	
0	Wirral Press- Leaflets	84	
2,162			2,108
	Repairs Account @ St James		
57	Church Maintenance	105	
319	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Elec Repairs & Tests	491	
907	E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	955	
0	Mather & Ellis Window repair	1,432	
420	Projector point -replacement	0	
515	K Fitzgerald - Gardening Fees	515	
795	Organ Tuning	1,192	
85	Birch & Son plumbing	0	
0	Bailey & Birch Ltd – Floodlight replacement	1,174	
110	M Lewis gas boiler service	0	
3,208			5,864
	Charities Account		
427	The Church Overseas	3,191	
5,064	Home Missions	2,181	
0	Secular Charities	5,759	
5,491			11,131
96,787	Expenditure carried forward		137,826

2020 £	Income	£	2021 £
78,494	Income Carried Forward		94,404
	St James Restoration Fund		
2,094	Gift Aid pledges	2,154	
2,169	Donations	1,559	
71	Miscellaneous	18	
854	Tax recovery	1,960	
1,680	Fund Raising	4,374	
2,086	Topmark (LPOW) VAT Recovery	296	
1,000	Historic Cheshire Churches Trust	0	
9,954			10,361
	Repairs Account @ St James		
76	Donations	262	
12	Interest	1	
50	Organ Use	175	
1,000	Transfer from Legacy Account	5,000	
0	Balance of closed accounts SJ	2,688	
1,138			8,126
	Charities Account		
330	Collections in Church	643	
100	Transfer from General Account	10,150	
4,895	Other Charitable Collections	338	
5,325			11,131
94,911	Income carried forward		124,022

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON -ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2021 (Continued)

2020	Expenditure	£	2021 £
£			
96,787	Expenditure brought forward		137,826
	Churchwardens Legacy Account		
1,430	Mechair Ltd - C/Htg Service Contract	1,465	
1,000	Transfer to St James Repairs Account	5,000	
2,430			6,465
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
18	Youth Outings	0	
0	Educational resources	252	
18			252
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
0		0	
0			0
3,778	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		0
103,013			144,543

2020	Income	£	2021 £
£			
94,911	Income brought forward		124,022
	Churchwardens Legacy Account		
7,816	Interest	7,816	
7,816			7,816
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
250	Interest	248	
250			248
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
36	Interest	14	
36			14
0	Excess of Expenditure Over Income		12,443
103,013			144,543

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL
CHARITABLE GIVING

2020	Charity Payments		2021
£	Collections in Church	£	£
330	Children's Society	309	
0	Royal Liverpool Hospital	131	
0	Guide Dogs for the Blind	203	
330			643
	Other Collections		
4,298	Wirral Foodbank / Emmanuel Foodbank	102	
327	Leprosy Mission	140	
0	Barnabas Fund	96	
312	Bread & Spread Project	0	
124	Fun, Food and Friendship	0	
5,061			338
	Direct Contributions from General A/C		
0	Christian Aid	985	
0	Stick n Step	485	
0	Claire House Hospice	985	
0	Bridging the Wallasey Gap	485	
0	Wirral Debt Advice	500	
0	St John's Hospice	985	
0	Water Aid	985	
0	Tear Fund	985	
0	Wirral Churches Ark Project	985	
0	RNLI (New Brighton)	985	
0	Wirral Women and Children's Aid	985	
100	Barnabas Fund	0	
0	Mercy Ships vaccination appeal	500	
0	Daily Bread Ministries	300	
100			10,150
5,491			11,131

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Notes

2020	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2021
£		£
605	Vicar's Fund	605
0	Youth Account	33
104	May Ball	104
478	Luncheon Club	478
66	Lighting Project	103
1,496	Bread & Spread Project	1,941
251	Fun food and Friendship	251
95	Covid Grant	0
200	Emmanuel Foodbank	168
0	Emmanuel Fabric Renewal	20
1,471	Choir Fund	1,499
224	Beatrice Fish Garden	224
1,900	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1,900
25	SJ Repairs	25
6,915		7,351

2020		Analysis of Fundraising	2021	
St James	Emmanuel		St James	Emmanuel
£	£		£	£
0	0	Summer/Autumn Fair	0	737
0	0	Christmas Fair	746	1,428
75	0	Inspire Tube / Collecting Boxes	61	0
0	112	Saturday Coffee Mornings	0	0
60	0	Christmas card sales	136	0
1,030	0	Microlight sponsorship	2,212	0
45	0	Christmas Card opt out scheme	20	0
0	165	Smarties tubes	0	35
0	0	Easter Chicks	0	6,615
316	0	Miscellaneous sales (Preserves, chicks, etc)	509	0
106	0	Wirral History and Heritage Fair / weekends	690	0
48	0	3 Choirs concert	0	0
1,680	277		4,374	8,815

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON ST. JAME

England & Wales - Charity number 1138041

Accounts

2020 Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council
St James and Emmanuel Churches, New Brighton

Aim and purposes

St James with Emmanuel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Heather Atkinson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St James with Emmanuel. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and the Parish Development Group (a subgroup of the PCC) makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. An area we feel we need to develop is ministry for young people. So far, we have implemented an all-age service at St James and have developed Fun Food and Friendship for school children during the holidays where they receive a meal, craft activities and Christian thought, which has carried on until February half term when we were stopped by Covid19 restrictions. Due to Covid19, working with schools was not possible other than by our participation in Bridging the Wallasey Gap. (See Organisation Reports) When things are back to normal, we will resume strengthening our ties. At the Parish Development Group, we have begun to look at youth work in other parishes with a view to learning from them. Initial conversations have been made regarding meeting with the older children (11+). we plan to hold more exploratory meetings when Covid19 restrictions permit. Sam Rowan is helping with this.

Vision of our Leading your Church into Growth Plan (LyCiG)

The Parish has a mission statement: -Together in Prayer, Worship, Community Care and Outreach.
The aim is to be a growing church both in spirituality, numbers and unity and to be confident in our faith through the engagement of the mission statement.

When planning our activities for the year, we have continued working on the **Leading Your Church into Growth** (LyCiG) plan which we initially developed together as the Lent group back in 2018. This document is flexible and transformative. People can openly suggest other ideas which can be taken to the PDG to develop. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Churches of St. James and Emmanuel

A) Worship and Church Buildings

Aims: - To continue to be welcoming churches and encourage worship across all ages.

During lockdown some all age services have been used where children have been involved. Revd. Heather has also sent notification of the Church of England weekly assemblies to our young people.

The following will be reinstated once C19 regulations allow:
An All-Age Service has been implemented at St. James which is advertised to all baptism families by email.
A quarterly healing service at Emmanuel has been implemented with a Taizé style service alternating with Holy Communion.
Creativity in intercessions continues to be worked on.

We haven't forgotten children in worship, i.e. at least one hymn to be child friendly before they go to or return from Sunday School has been implemented.
The use of Testimonies in services has been implemented.
Book reviews have been started at the Healing Service. A Case for Christ, a book and film that Revd. Heather mentioned during lockdown was well received.
A new screen needs to be set up at St James, this may need to be done in stages. Ie screen and projector first with appropriate console. Other monitors second e.g. for choir. We have obtained two quotes and looking to obtain a third once we can visit more churches who have such an audiovisual system. The balance of sound at St. James needs to be reviewed long term.

B.) Care and Fellowship Aim: To deepen existing relationships and build on our links with the community. This will enable transformation to happen on different levels
Everyone on the electoral roll has been contacted during lockdown. Over the next 5 years we need to ensure pastoral care to be kept on top of with the congregation working together with Revd. Heather as we cannot expect her to see everyone. Care is everyone's responsibility to ensure a growing church still feels cared for. We need to work on further developing the pastoral care groups already started.

Home Communions to be offered where necessary so people can still receive a service when they are ill. Currently only Revd. Heather has been doing this because of C19 restrictions and she has tried to ring as many people up from the electoral role.

Funeral follow up: - Bereaved families are asked if they would like to have a post funeral visit. Bereavement visits where necessary are already taking place.

Welcome people moving into the area: A welcome pack for community and visitors to church is being slowly being developed. This extends pastoral care to the newest members of the community and gives presence. New people will know what is going on better.

Electoral roll follow up is still being developed.

Oversight of all congregation and newcomers to continue. It has been a great encouragement to welcome new people into our congregation.

Both churches have been accepted into the Places of Welcome scheme, Emmanuel on a Saturday morning and St James on a Thursday but this has been put on hold due to Covid19 restrictions.
Revd. Heather is also a member of the Coastal Committee which has continued to meet via Zoom. She has suggested to the local RNLI that they let her know when they have been called out so that they can be included in prayer.
Other suggestions have included:

Valentines' dinner	*Epiphany party*	*Car Boot sale or Auction*
Get involved with Love New Brighton	*Quiz at the pub*	*Cruise liner evening*
A meal with a Christian speaker	*Outings*	*Beetle drive*
Film nights	*Socials as opportunities to invite people outside of the church*	
Strawberry pick with strawberry tea with a service		
Songs of Praise with meaning of hymns explained		

During 2020 Revd. Heather worked closely with Vale Park Café making sure those, shielding or vulnerable had a chance to receive a treat meal on a Friday.

c) Prayer and Spirituality: Aim to deepen existing faith within the congregation and to enable the community to know that they can ask for prayers

Testimony and Bible Notes will help, links to apps etc.
To encourage prayer for the church and growth. A bookmark of LYCIG prayer has been made and will be put out when C19 restrictions permit)
To mention any useful course in the pew sheet. (Ongoing) Members of leadership teams have been completing safeguarding courses online and Revd. Heather has been circulating daily readings and material from the Church of England.
The Lady Chapel at St James has been changed to be a practical place for prayer for all who come.
Votive candles have been put in place at St James and pebble bowl at Emmanuel.
Prayer walks around the Parish Boundary with tee-shirts and Picnic (flyers with service time make it become missional): still outstanding.
House groups: Two of the housegroups have met online during 2020 and all will continue when circumstances permit.
Monthly Prayer group at St James has met online and Prayer and Toast will continue when C19 restrictions permit.
Encourage members of the congregation to pray before a service which our choirs do already.
Practical Prayer board at St. James
The Thy Kingdom Come initiative of praying for 5 people was completed as we met to pray in the various church groups.
An Alpha course took place with Sam Rowan and his household members. Sam has also been working within the parish exploring his call to Pioneer Ministry which he is doing at the Foundation for Ministry course. This has been supported by the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

After lockdown, Revd. Heather learned how to video edit very quickly so we could have worship online, making the most of local, home and church settings when able. Once we were open for service, online services were still put on our YouTube channel for those unable to cone to church. Initially before services restarted both churches were open for private prayer.

We did a special online service for VE day 2020 when Sheen Shaw shared her wartime memories. Midweek at Emmanuel, we started the 'Be Thou My Breast Plate' reflections based on the prayer of Fursa.

The Lifeboat service was done online and our reader Mike joined Heather to film a service at the cenotaph for Remembrance Sunday

Our Special Lives service was able to take place and was also filmed for those who couldn't attend.

There were two weddings at St James in 2020.

Five Funerals took place at St James, three at Emmanuel in 2020 and thirteen funerals took place at the Crematorium, made all the more emotional due to C19 restrictions.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 142 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll following the revision in October 2020.

Christmas: a special alternative Carol service was held at St James with 66 people attending. 34 attended at the midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve. At Emmanuel, the Christmas Tree Service was able to take place

with a limited number of families doing Christmas crafts in the afternoon. The Christingle service also took place with the maximum of 56 people attending. Emmanuels choir also took to the streets near the church to sing carols which was well received.

Generally, the service attendances were 20-30 at both churches with a good attendance midweek at Emmanuel. Other people shielding have watched online services. During the first lockdown, numbers exceeded 100 and whilst church has been open 30-40 people have watched online and more during special occasions.

Lent Course

For Lent in 2020 we watched the film: The Greatest Showman and Bible Studies groups were formed on Mondays 2pm and 7.30pm based on the film. This was well received but had to finish early with covid lockdown happening. People had their own books for the course.

Deanery Synod Meetings 2020

Only one Synod meeting took place during 2020 before the first Coronavirus lock-down. This was held on 11th February 2020 at Harrison Hall, St Nicholas, Wallasey. Three clergy and 8 laity were present. These people represented St James with Emmanuel, St Luke, Christchurch, St Nicholas and St Chads.

Synod opened with worship and ended with business matters concerning Diocesan Synod etc. but the main part was led by our invited guest speaker Jonathan Masters, who is the Youth, Children and Families Missioner for Chester diocese. He made an excellent presentation based around the question - "How can we encourage faith in young people, and help them develop faith for themselves?" He shared personal experience of working with children and young people, drew on the wisdom of others working in the field and gave Synod ample opportunities to share the experiences of our parishes, and to ask ourselves searching questions about our understanding of and attitudes towards children and young people today. He told us that young people want to be involved and included in the life of the church and encouraged us to invite young people to a PCC meeting to tell us what they want.

Synod meetings will resume on Tuesday 11 May 2021 on Zoom.

Representatives: Helen Harvey, Sara Sullivan to October 2020, Sally Giles from October 2020

Helen Harvey

Fabric Report of both churches

St James Church: A Report upon the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The purpose of this report is to describe the structural condition of the Church building and assess the state of the furnishings and embellishments.

Firstly, may we assure the meeting that the general state of the furnishings and embellishments in the church remain in excellent condition. Access to roof areas has been enhanced by the newly commissioned door to the chancel roof area and the pigeon nuisance is no more.

The church's bell was in use for much of the year but required attention due to the stretch of the wire.

For a good while in 2020 the holding of church services had to be suspended in line with government Covid-19 restrictions. This meant that the dedicated and hard-working team that clean the church every week were excluded. However, they deserve our thanks for the sterling service they had put in up to then and on the occasions that they have been involved since the partial relaxation of the rules since then.

During the year we purchased a silver-plated ciborium from which the host may be distributed during Holy Communion.

John Codling Churchwarden

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Emmanuel Fabric report.

Much of the year was spent investigating ingress of water over the balcony area. Several roofing contractors were tasked to find the leakage, all of whom confirmed that the roof was fine. One contractor noticed that some of the window beadings showed signs of rot and water may be leaking through the window seals. Having contacted a company that specialises in wood we had scaffold erect to investigate closer and sure enough extensive rot was found and has been eradicated but that will be reported in next year's report. Other than this the building, being closed for much of the year, and artefacts are in good order.
The statuary inspections have all been kept up to date during lockdown:

- Heating systems and boilers serviced
- Electrical system inspected and serviced
- Portable Appliance Testing (PAT test) completed
- Fire extinguishers serviced

Colin Jones, Churchwarden

Organisational Reports

House groups

Vicarage House Group

Due to lockdown, the Vicarage house group didn't meet until we could meet outside as a 6 in September 2020. Those who wished then met on Zoom for the remainder of the year looking at Jesus Shaped People and the Holy Spirit.

Revd. Heather

Montpelier House Group

Thanks to Zoom, Peter and Barbara's home group has continued to meet each week on Wednesday evenings, through the lockdown. There are usually four members (Kizzie, Margaret, Lee and Cliff) plus ourselves and we catch up with news etc. have a Bible study led by Peter. We may sing a song, share our faith journey, have a laugh and pray for each other. It's been good and helpful to each of us. If you would like to join us, please let us know.
(Peter, Cliff and Lee also zoom together on Monday evenings to further study the Bible.)

Peter and Barbara Jordan

Rockpoint House Group

Met until lockdown but has kept in touch since by tradition means.

Ron Jones

Vestry Prayer Group 2020

The Prayer group with its handful of faithful participants met until lockdown in mid-March. Our prayer intentions are generally our churches, church groups and activities, our church family and all who live in our parish and local area. We resumed prayer meetings by Zoom in December 2021, initially with 4 participants, but since January there have been 8 or 9 people praying each month.

Angela Adams

Vicarage Prayers and Toast

Instead of prayers with toast at the vicarage, we set up a WhatsApp group with 6 members, praying together on Tuesdays at 4.30pm

Revd. Heather

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A Report from Sam Rowan

A lot has happened since 2016, when I initially "sensed a call" to ministry within the Church of England. Last March, I successfully completed and passed the Foundation for Ministry course. This is a course run by the Diocese of Chester as a required foundation step for anyone wanting to become a Reader or Pastoral Worker, or in my case, a recommended but optional foundation step to exploring ordained ministry. August last year, I had a Zoom "chat" with the DDV (Diocesan Director of Vocations) to further discuss my "sense of calling" and following that, I was officially welcomed to begin a "Formal Discernment Process" with the intention of eventually being trained to become an "Ordained Pioneer Minister" (information about this role can be found on the Church of England website).

Since September, I have been assigned a "mentor" who helps me with this year or two long process of working towards a BAP (Bishops Advisory Panel (which is an interview for training) . At the same time, I signed up to NWGP (Northwest Gospel Partnerships), a bible teaching college in order to really deepen my understandings of the scriptures.

My Discernment Process so far has included a lot of reading and writing and opportunities to teach. It has been wonderful, as well as very challenging.

My heart lies in building connections. I feel called to bring church and to bring the transforming love and power of Almighty God, Jesus and Holy Spirit into the community. To do this creatively and relevantly yet, without compromise.

I've been asked to gain more experience in delivering short sermons, and developing my confidence up front. I'm a very practical person and my strengths lie in "doing" and in one-to-one conversations. Please pray for me as I look to grow in boldness with my public speaking (all for His names' sake!). Thank you to everyone for your friendship, kindness and support.

Sam Rowan

Foodbanks

St James: I would like to thank all the volunteers who readily give up their time for such a worthwhile cause who come from St James, Claremount Methodist and others. We were able to give all who came to us for food, time to talk and to signpost on where necessary. Our last Foodbank session at St James was 19th March 2020, thereafter Wirral Foodbank became part of the Emergency Food Hub at Bidston Tennis Centre where several of our volunteers participated. Summer 2020 saw the opening of the Grosvenor Hub for Wallasey and many of us volunteered there too, though that too was locked down in January 2021 due to rising Covid figures.

Sue Chadwick

Emmanuel Foodbank: Up until the end of March 2020 we continued to operate the foodbank at Emmanuel. As with all foodbanks the need varied from week to week, but we were always aware that everybody coming needed both help and support. We realised that many found it a humiliating experience and we alleviated that with kindness and understanding. We had a large number of loyal volunteers and I would like to express my thanks for all their support. I hope that one day it might return.

David Worgan

Lunch Club:

Lunch Club continued to meet at Emmanuel on the first Tuesday of the first three months of 2020. We were also lucky to have a visit to the Floral Pavilion for the Chrysanthemums pantomime in January. Thanks go to Rosemary, Clare, Ronnie and Margaret for all their help and support.

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Sue Chadwick

Parish Development Report for 2020

The Parish Development Group meets bi-monthly alternating with PCC. Current members are: Revd. Heather Atkinson with Catherine Tunstall, Sara O'Sullivan, Ann Barlow, Rob O'Neil and Sam Rowan from Emmanuel and Sue Chadwick, Angela Adams, Helen Harvey and Keith Selby from St. James.

We remain the engine hub for Leading your Church into Growth, (LyCiG) implementing the local course and collating people's ideas. The ideas so far are included in the annual report. It is important to have vision for the parish. Some ideas have been worked on already or are a work in progress. New ideas may be added, and some may not turn out to be the right ideas. It is a working document. During late 2020 we met online to plan Christmas and to further develop the pastoral groups, take further the discussion about the Screen for St James and to plan the way forward for youthwork.

Fun, Food and Friendship

We only hosted one session during 2020 before we were locked down.

We will need quite a number of willing volunteers to keep Food, Fun and Friendship sessions running efficiently and safely when we can restart; usually about 14 individuals. There are those who register the attendees, the cooks and kitchen assistants, those preparing the tables and serving the meals and drinks, the sandwich-makers, washer-uppers, those putting together the take-home teas for each child, the crafters and bible-story readers and we all join in with doing the clearing up! So, a big thank you to all of you who have helped in any way.

Helen Harvey and Sue Chadwick

Bridging the Wallasey Gap

Bridging the Wallasey Gap evolved from six local churches working together to support families over school holidays. Members are St Albans, St Josephs, St Andrews, Seacombe URC, St Mary's and St James with Emmanuel. Because the churches could no longer host food and activities once lockdown started, we looked for grants to take food hampers and activity packs to families that needed them. We have generally helped 80-100 families during holidays and 25 families who need weekly support.

Sue Chadwick

St James Restoration Management Committee

The year started with the process to select a new architect following the demise of our previous architects, Lloyd Evans Prichard.

Eventually we ratified the appointment of Bernard Taylor Partnership with Adrian Pearson as the lead architect for our project, thus having the security of an excellent company with the continuity of the architect who steered us through the first two restoration phases.

Meetings have continued during Covid-19 restrictions using the virtual and ubiquitous Zoom on-line format. The year has been taken up with the development of Phase III. Adrian Pearson produced detailed drawings and photographs of the North Aisle/North Porch which are to be the main thrust of the next stage of restoration. Sections of internal wall plaster may be removed to allow the drying out process to continue.

Additionally, we agreed that relocation of the stained glass window which is currently hidden by the toilet block, to the west end of the South Aisle should be included.

As the projected costs of Phase III will be around £300,000 it is essential that we are able to continue to gain access to external grant funds. The Heritage Lottery Fund had morphed into the National Lottery Heritage Fund during the year but there were only conceptual rules produced to give us an idea of the new bidding process for funds. The process was going to be radically different with a greater emphasis on community

engagement than ever before and become operational from 2021.
Involvement of the local population will be an important part of any successful bid so it was decided, to incorporate the development of a community garden around the church with a variety of major features. In particular we had in mind accessibility, especially for the partial or non-sighted. 2021 will be the 90th anniversary of the Guide Dogs for the Blind charity, especially poignant in that it was inaugurated in New Brighton.
We asked a company of landscape gardeners called Randall Thorp Landscape Architects. to provide us with a detailed proposal for developing the gardens around St James while incorporating a wish list provided to them and keeping the Biblical themes that we require.
Laurie Sangwin presented a very attractive and interesting set of designs for the garden in which we would look to develop certain parts of the plan, such as the pathways and ground works. The pathways would be to the same standard used by the National Trust.

John Codling RMC Chair

In*S*pire Report

Like everywhere else, because of the Covid pandemic, fund raising activity at St James has been negligible. However, there is one individual from the **"inSpire"** Team who I would like to single out for her one-woman fund-raising efforts and that is Lesley McClellan. Throughout the year Lesley has been busily producing jams and preserves and has built up a quite a healthy customer base. She also made 100+ of her popular Easter chicks for the **Wirral History & Heritage Fair** on March 7th. Total raised by Lesley for the year was **£538.00**
On behalf of the **"inSpire"** Team - Angela Adams, Wendy Wilberforce, Mary Wright, Revd. Heather, Janet Budworth & Carole Hille : **THANK YOU LESLEY**

Julia Codling **"inSpire"** Committee

Sunday Schools

Mustard Seeds at St James

The last twelve months have been difficult for everyone and Helen and I would like to thank you for your prayers for our children and their families during this time. They have been very much on our hearts while they have struggled with home-schooling and separation from wider family and friends plus all the usual challenges of family life.
Although we haven't been able to run our Sunday group each week there have been activities available for any youngsters attending church on our usual corner table.
I would like to mention our magazine editor, Jennifer Davies, who always includes 'Mouse Makes' each month in the church magazine. This has been a wonderful source of learning during 'lockdown', and it has been appreciated. Thank you, Jenny.
Now we are looking forward to September when we hope to be able to meet again and to be able to share God's love through story, craft, and games.

Helen Jones

Sunday School at Emmanuel

This Sunday school year has been very different from previous years, due to the Covid19 pandemic.
Our classes continued until lockdown in March 2020 and we continued to use the Scripture Union Teaching books for Sunday School and to link the teaching with the Gospel reading for the service.
We managed to take the children to a pantomime at the Floral Pavilion in January 2020, which we all enjoyed, little knowing that this would be our last opportunity for a group outing for many months.
Where possible, we have tried to involve the children in the activities listed below, throughout the church year, combining many with St James Mustard Seeds, being aware that the number of children who could be included, needed to be limited to allow for social distancing.

In September, a few Emmanuel Sunday School children made a collage for the wall display in the Church to celebrate Harvest Festival.

The Sunday School teachers and Church members helped to run a craft workshop for the children to take part in, prior to Christmas. This was attended by a small group of 15 children, with various crafts based on a Christmas theme for the children to make. The craft sessions are a means by which the Sunday School Teachers promote Christian mission to the children in the local community.

The Christmas Tree Dressing Service followed the Craft morning, which the children to joined in with, all observing social distancing. On Christmas Eve, a small group of children were able to attend the Christingle Service at Emmanuel Church. The children and their parents enjoy taking part in these Church services and activities, which have become an inspiring part of the church calendar.

We hope to be able to restart Sunday School in September 2020, provided Government regulations allow this. Our Sunday School is open to children of all school ages, as well as little ones with their mums and dads, whose support we value. We welcome assistance from young people and adults, who may be interested in helping us with Emmanuel Sunday School.

Sarah, Carol & Sara

St James Choir Report

Clearly the work of choir has been on hold since March 2020 when we sang the last service before lockdown and stopped our weekly practices. This remains the situation as we all long for a resumption of both our weekly singing duties and the social side of the choir, the benefit of which we all appreciate even more now. While we have stayed in touch on both social media and more traditional methods of communication, nothing beats that weekly meeting to share news. The scientists are still debating the safety of singing and we trust that, as cathedrals are making a tentative return to choral services, we may be able to join them as soon as it is safe to do so.

As the new year dawned, we still had no real idea of what was in store. Plans were made, especially for Easter. We would change the programme a little on Good Friday and include Malcolm Williamson's "Procession of Palms". The music was picked for Southwell ……

The choir took their part in normal worship in the first 10 weeks of the year when after which we went into first lockdown. When live services started in August, singing was not allowed. By October, when restrictions had eased a little, there was scope for limited activity with a very small group of singers supporting he service. Due to uncertainty about safety and doubts as to whether such easing would continue in the longer term, there was little singing activity among most members during this time. Tentative plans for the Christmas season were not put into operation as we all know that, as predicted, the restrictions were reimposed over Christmas and the New Year. As I write, we are hoping that they will finally be lifted. A big thank you to the skill of the scientists and the patience of the British people. As Christians we must surely see the work of God in all that has happened. His presence has guided the researchers and upheld the nation during these difficult times.

A small number of choir members were able to take part in a seasonal service in early December with professional guests. Apart from that, members have kept in touch using social media, email and good old fashioned telephone calls. There was even the opportunity to meet as daily walks happened to take the same route.

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The new lockdown regulations in January 2021 allowed places of worship to remain open for public services. There was still no singing permitted, but our organ playing team have ensured that there has been music at our services. While singing has not been authorised, the congregation have had the words of hymns which have acted as a basis for meditation as the tune is played through. These services have been attended by various choir members during the lockdown period. In April some relaxation allowed a small socially distanced choir to sing at the morning service. While on a rota system at present, it is hoped that this initiative can be expanded as restrictions are eased during the coming months.

I will not attempt to look forward. We all have hopes for future visits to some of our great cathedrals and restoration of our regular pattern. This will depend on a number of factors, so our main priority has to be to reconvene as many of our members as possible in a safe environment so that they can once again lead the worship of God in our beautiful church. This has to go hand in hand with permission for congregational singing and general "mingling" within worship. As I complete this most strange report, I must not forget our organists and musical team, John Tennant, John Hewitt and Katinka all of whom have been so loyal to our cause for these long months of lockdown. Their great reward will come as the choir can once again sing fully at all our services without restriction. I must also thank Richard who has acted as liaison in keeping the members updated through various media. All members have contributed in some way, with witty articles and comments, stories about church musicians far and near and adventures during the confines of lockdown. Richard has made sure that we all get to hear about them.

Steve Cottam

Parish Music Group

Like many organisations, the band had very few outings during the 2020 year. We managed to play for the January and February church parade services and whilst looking forward to the March Mothering Sunday services, the plug was pulled. Due to restrictions, the band has not met for rehearsal since.

Colin Jones

Carers and Tots (St James)

We usually have our Carers and Tots on a Monday morning during term time but were forced to close with lockdown in March 2020. We hope that we will be able to open safely in September.

Janet, Hilary and Margaret

Little Hands (Emmanuel)

Little Hands is a Parents, Carers and Tots group in Emmanuel Church Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 to 11.15am.

Due to the pandemic Little Hands or as more usually known locally 'Tots', closed down in March 2020 and has not been able to reopen yet. It is hoped we may be able to open for 6 weeks in June/July with limited numbers and without hot drinks. Please pray for wisdom for the leaders and giving thanks for those who have helped in the past.

Cath, Kizzie, Doreen, Julie and Jill and Barbara

Men's Lunch Munch

The men of the parish, both young and old (young being under the age of 60) meet for lunch on the second Friday of each month at the Lighthouse in Wallasey Village.

We managed to enjoy 3 lunches together before the pandemic struck and put an end to our dining.

But we are hoping that activities will be back to normal one Friday in 2021, so look out for the Grand Announcement. Following The Announcement please meet at 12.30pm at the Lighthouse.

George Merrill

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Evening Ladies Fellowship

Usually, we meet at present on the second Thursday of the month to share and enjoy various social activities in the coffee area at Emmanuel Church area at Emmanuel Church although we also like to arrange trips to outside locations. Lockdown in March 2020 prevented this sadly.

The year ended with an evening of Christmas worship followed by refreshments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes this special candlelit service possible. We look forward to another year. Perhaps you will join us? Vivienne Lythgoe

28th Wallasey Guides

We started the year with 19 girls on register. We celebrated Chinese New Year and started our Spread the Love badge. We made Valentines cards, bird feeders (to love our environment) and had a pamper evening as it is just as important to love yourself as well as others.

Unfortunately Covid hit and cancelled a lot of plans and putting Guiding on hold. Due to these circumstances and personal ones we were unable to meet, even online. This ended our bazaar year and updating training became a priority.

I would like to thank Cath and Lisa for all their hard work as without them we wouldn't be able to meet. Hopefully 2021 will be better, with plans being kept.

Sarah Merrill Guide Leader

Brownie Report

The Brownies started 2020 working towards their Network skills builder badge, which is all about teamwork. Then we went into lockdown! From Sept 2020 we were lucky enough to be able to start meeting via Zoom & were able to continue Brownie activities.

Kate Long (Brown Owl)

Beavers

This has been quite the year but some of our former Beavers have remained with us through some very different and difficult times. For this I would like to congratulate each Beaver who has stayed with us for showing such amazing resilience and thank all of the parents for their ongoing support and patience.

Some of you may be aware that our amazing Beaver Leader, Kelly, has taken a step back from leading our Beavers for a while to welcome a new life into the world. This was a big change for our young Beavers, leaving myself (Kizzie) to step up and take on the role of Beaver Leader. As you can imagine, this was a big difference for the Beavers and myself. Then lock down struck. We had to come up with a new way to deliver an exciting programme for our Beavers. We decided to start Zooming! Some children found this quite difficult to start with but we soon got into the swing of things and enjoyed completing badges once again.

Our Young Leader, Tom, became our Assistant Beaver Leader and led some fantastic zooms including a space-themed zoom in which the Beavers took part in a quiz about space and used Oreo cookies to show us different stages of the moon.

Our Beavers learned about Morse code, British Sign Language and the International Phonetic Alphabet. They even learned how to spell their name using these alphabets and decoded messages. Many of our Beavers took part in "A Night At The Museum" where they took guided zoom tours of the Museum, took part in activities and camped in a tent/shelter they had built in another part of their homes.

Although we were not able to meet face to face at any point we wanted to do something amazing for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts so we got together as a district and planned an amazing Christmas Extravaganza.

This was something new and exciting which had never been done before but we were eagerly counting down the days. The Beavers took part in many fantastic activities in the Extravaganza including meeting reptiles and finding out interesting facts about them, decorating cards, Quizzes, Bongo's Bingo and much more.

Upon reflection, this year has been a very different year but in many ways it's been exactly the same. We have done things a little bit differently but the end result is still the same. We are all having fun, supporting one another through tough times and earning badges. I'd like to thank all of the Beavers and their parents for making this year a much easier and enjoyable one! I am looking forward to getting back to normal and enjoying face to face meetings.

Kyrie-dee, AKA Kizzie, (Beaver Leader)

Cubs Annual Report

Since January Cubs have been doing a lot of badges, including Entertainers, Artist and Book Readers.
We went into lockdown in March when we moved to online zoom meetings, where we continued to do badge work. This resulted in a Cub earning his Chief Scout Silver Award before moving to scouts. Well done to that Cub, his hard work and dedication paid off.
In December Cubs were invited by District to attend a Christmas Extravaganza where a number of Cubs attended. They had a brilliant day on zoom joining in with lots and lots of Christmas activities and were given a goody bag, which included items they needed for some of the activities and some added extras for them.
The last few weeks we finished off by writing a letter to Father Christmas which they sent off and received a card back from him. As we couldn't hold our annual Christmas party, we ended with a Christmas quiz and some Christmas activities.
Hopefully we can return back to normal soon and we can get some camps organised for the Cubs to attend.

Akela (Kim Piercy, Cub Scout Leader)

Scouts Annual Report

Well to re-use the most over said phrase this year, hasn't it been a strange old year? This is so true to Scouting too with a full shift for the majority of a year into screen only sessions. However, in the true scouting fashion we have come together as a group, a district and a movement to overcome the adversity.

Moving to Zoom allowed to us to briskly fly through Digital Safety, creating digital characters and games. We've had quizzes on everything and ruined the next generations thirst for a Wednesday night pub quiz in the process but Zoom allowed us to solve problems together in Escape Rooms, hold forums with scouts and go virtual camping with friends around the world.

3rd Scouts have taken part in district camp and Winter Camp, a host of lightning fast activities over the whole weekend necessitating skill and speed to prove to the world via social media you had what it took to conquer a challenge. We came 51st out of nearly 1000 teams worldwide.

We did manage to meet up for one session in the Christmas Extravaganza, in which 100% came running back to Scouts after such a long break. They built fires, cooked dinner, made pegs, sawed and axed whilst navigating their way across Wallasey.

We celebrated scouting doing a month under canvas and participating in a scouty event each day. Building camp chairs from branches, tying knots, star gazing, pitching a tent, making wind chimes, and carrot whistles amongst other things.

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Being stuck at home didn't stop us visiting an airfield, baking pizzas together or even practising how to escape your house in a fire!

Our approach as a group got us on the Merseyside Scout radio / You Tube show to celebrate 9 of our members achieving Chief Scout Gold Award before moving on to Explorers or sadly a couple felt Scouts was the last step in their journey. I'm happy to say those that went still attend Explorers. So this meant we took a hit from 17 members to 6 overall and are now ticking slowly back up and expecting more in September.

We are delighted to be back at the hall and we are carefully gauging our delivery each week to make sure members are safe and enjoying the social aspect that Zoom had lost its power to deliver!
Thanks for having us,

Graham (Scout Leader)

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Revd. Heather Atkinson has visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital Covid19 restrictions permitting.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Charitable givings, Foodbank Distribution Centres at both churches, AA, Lunch club are examples.

Our parish magazine is distributed monthly to subscribers and available at both churches and several outlets in the parish of New Brighton. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Safeguarding

Children were welcome and safe in the company of Jesus, and children and people at risk should be safe in Christ's Church. The Diocese of Chester and all its churches are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, but especially those who may be at risk for any reason, are able to worship and follow their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. Safeguarding is everyone's business and the Safeguarding Team is available to discuss any concerns at any time. It currently consists of Revd. Heather, Sue Chadwick, Gill Walduck, Sara Sullivan, Helen Jones and Helen Harvey. There were no safeguarding concerns raised in 2020.

Electoral Roll

As is, sadly, frequently the case, a number of long-standing members of the church have passed away during the period since the last meeting. I hope that I have managed to keep this information up to date and amend the roll accordingly. I do, however, apologise for any distress caused by the inclusion of any deceased persons. I have also had a number of applications for new or renewed membership which have been processed in accordance with the PCC regulations. Some of these people may not become full members until the next PCC meeting later in the summer. Please check the roll and have a word with me if you need to. Clearly nobody has been unaffected by the pandemic and it is quite possible that I have still included persons who are no longer active members of the congregation. Any help from church members in this area would be appreciated as we do not always hear when people pass away or move out of the area.

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This is another of those years in which the roll is simply revised using the existing roll. We have a major revision every 6 years when all members have to resubmit their details. This year the roll is simply compiled using any amendments of which I am made aware.

Once again, our numbers have stayed fairly stable. There are now 145 members on the roll as at the date on this report compared with 142 at the date of the last meeting. If any regular church members are not the roll and wish to be, then I can supply a form which can be completed and returned to the PCC. We do occasionally find people who missed the revision and whose membership has therefore lapsed.

I thank all church members for helping me to keep the records up to date and the PCC secretary who ensures that all documentation and records are kept in accordance with the GDPR protocols.

Stephen Cottam, Electoral Roll Officer

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Wallasey. The Foodbank team at St James works together with members from Claremount Methodist Church and St Mary's Church, Liscard to assist those needing food. Bridging the Wallasey gap is a good example of working with 5 other churches. Revd. Heather has linked with the new pastor at New Brighton Baptist with a view to working together.

Financial Review

Treasurers Report 2020

2020 has been a year like no other for so many people, businesses and organisations. With churches closed for a large part of the year, and fundraising and other activities disallowed, finances have inevitably been affected.

General Account

Expenditure once again exceeded income on this account but actually by considerably less than in 2019. Whilst we saw a reduction in income from cash donations and envelopes, 15 people decided to change to making donations via standing order, and many people continued to donate the amount they had committed to before the pandemic, for this we are very grateful. We were also able to reclaim a similar amount through the gift aid scheme. PCC fees for weddings and funerals increased, partly due to the Diocese's decision to give a £30 grant back to parishes for funerals taken at the crematorium only. Obviously, income from lettings and refreshments were virtually non-existent after March, but hopefully will pick up again in 2021.
On the expenditure side there was a reduction in the cost of heating and lighting, due to lower usage and the renegotiation of contracts. The much lower figure for vestry phone and internet relates to 2020, whereas the previous figure included some fees owing from 2017-8. Magazine costs increased a little due to the use of colour printing.

Fabric Reserve Account at Emmanuel

The only major item of expenditure here relates to the ongoing problem with the roof over the refreshment area, and it is likely that there will need to be considerable expenditure on this in the future. Income to this account suffered due to the lack of summer and Christmas fairs but benefitted from a successful insurance claim relating to window damage in the church in 2019.

St James Restoration Fund

The Restoration Fund has been well documented elsewhere. From a financial point of view there has again been very little expenditure and funds are building up in preparation for phase 3. Monies raised specifically for the chancel and restoration of the 'Angels' are included in this account but kept aside for that purpose.

This fund continues to be expertly managed by Trevor Thomas.

Repairs Account at St James
This Account was almost exhausted by the end of 2020 and a sum of £1,000 was transferred from the Churchwarden's Legacy in order to keep it open. It has been agreed by the PCC that a further £5,000 will be transferred to cover maintenance costs for the time being. There was little unusual activity on this account due to pandemic restrictions, the replacement of the projector being this only notable item.

Churchwarden's Legacy Account
Despite turbulent times in the British economy this account continued to present a healthy balance due to sound investments with the Central Board of Finance. The only unusual expenditure was the aforementioned transfer.

Charities Account
After a bumper year last year, donations to charities were much reduced this year, due to a lack of fundraising events such as coffee mornings and Christian Aid week activities, and of collections at funerals. In the autumn the PCC decided to postpone direct giving from the General Account until after the end of the year when a fuller picture of our financial position in the pandemic would be available. A contribution of £5,000 is now to be made but this will show in 2021 accounts. The church did receive a number of large donations to pass on to the Wirral Foodbank to support this critical work.

Vicars Discretionary Fund for Youth
Sadly, there has been no activity on this account this year.

Ledder Cornish Brace Trust
As in previous years the only activity on this account was interest received. The interest shown relates to 2019 and 2020 due to an admin oversight last year.

Review of Resources
The parish continues to find itself in the fortunate position of having sufficient funds for all foreseeable events, despite a very difficult year. However as can be seen in the balance sheet there was a £5,000 excess in expenditure over income. Whilst this is a relatively small proportion of overall income, and less than in 2019, we should perhaps be mindful of the situation and also that of the Repairs Account at St James. Fortunately our funds invested with the CCLA have done particularly well despite uncertain economic times. As at 31/12/20 our shares were worth some £18,000 more than the previous year. However, I would advise caution here as some of our shares are invested in high yielding bonds which have, or are about to, mature and we have been forewarned that it is not possible to obtain similar high rates of return for future investments. With rising costs and a very uncertain economic future for the nation the PCC will, as always, need to be prudent.

Reserves policy
It is the policy of the PCC to keep a considerable sum in the unrestricted account as a cash balance to offset the many and varied needs of the two church buildings. This is usually at least six months unrestricted payments and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of approximately £70,000 in the General Account at the end of 2020 conforms to this policy.

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The two restricted funds: Reserve Account at Emmanuel and Repairs Account at St James, exist to cover the costs of maintaining the physical buildings. Whilst the Reserve Account at Emmanuel holds ample funds for the coming year the PCC is aware that the Repairs Account for St James now needs to be supplemented from other funds or fundraising. The parish is fortunate to have a legacy, largely invested with the CCLA, which has remained largely untouched this year. This legacy provides investment income for the parish and is also available for larger projects or to supplement maintenance when necessary.

This is my third annual report. I continue to be extremely grateful for Trevor's guidance and my thanks also go to those who help by counting, checking and banking our funds, especially John Codling and his team at St James, and Viv Lythgoe at Emmanuel, and also to George Merrill who does a fantastic job as our Gift Aid secretary.

Sally Giles (Treasurer) January 2021

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwardens John Timms and John Codling at St James' and Colin Jones and David Worgan, Warden to October 2020 at Emmanuel who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and all members of the various subgroups: PCC, PDG, Cleaning Team, Refreshments Team, Choirs at both churches.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St James with Emmanuel, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens from both churches, our two readers who are co-opted at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met six times during the year with an average level of attendance of 65%. The meetings in May, July, September and November were all virtual meetings by Zoom. The APCM for 2019 was conducted in October as a face to face meeting fortunately before C19 cases rose.
Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include The Parish Development Group, Restoration Management Committee and fabric and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and reporting back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

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Administrative information

St James and Emmanuel Churches are situated in the parish of New Brighton which is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Albion Street New Brighton CH45 9LF. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	The Reverend Heather Atkinson (Chairman)
Wardens:	Mr John Timms and Mr John Codling (St James) Mr Colin Jones (Emmanuel)
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs Helen Harvey: (St James)
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs Sara Sullivan: (Emmanuel) to October 2020
Representative on Deanery Synod	Mrs Sally Giles from October 2020
Readers:	Mr Ronald Jones and Mr Michael Collins (Co-opted)

Elected members: St James
Sue Chadwick
Angela Adams
Helen Jones to October 2020
Vanessa Martlew from October 2020
Keith Selby
Mary Wright to October 2020
Richard Wilberforce

Elected Members: Emmanuel
Dave Holley to October 2020
Sally Giles to October 2020
Ann Barlow from October 2020
Sara Sullivan from October 2020
Barbara Jordan
Sarah Merrill
George Merrill
Carol Cliff Wilcock

Approved and signed on behalf of the PCC by the Reverend Heather Atkinson

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Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2020

2019	Expenditure		2020
£	General Account	£	£
59,692	Parish Share	61,184	
2,234	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2,309	
1,840	Clergy Expenses incl Car Allowance	1,194	
284	Replacement Cassock	0	
6,618	Heating, Lighting & Water	4,039	
7,165	Insurance Premiums	7,122	
2,426	Organist's fees	1,560	
240	Foundations for Ministry Course	0	
1,052	Photocopying (excl magazine)	620	
2,242	Sundries	1,369	
678	Magazine Costs	769	
124	Sunday School & Youth	0	
807	Music Worship Expenses	577	
6,887	Contribution to Charities Account	100	
181	Refreshment Expenses	53	
2,593	Vestry phone and internet	1,738	
95,063			82,634
	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
998	Bailey & Birch Ltd - Elec Modifications	1,452	
57	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	0	
2,993	"GOPAK" Tables and chairs	0	
0	Elmwood Boiler Service	150	
354	Furber Roofing	948	
172	JABirch & Son Church Maintenance	180	
606	Gardening and new lawnmower	0	
0	Makin Organs Ltd Tuning	350	
150	Wirral Drainage	0	
211	"HATS Ltd" - Hall Heater Repairs	212	
5,541			3,292
100,604	Expenditure Carried Forward		85,926

2019	Income		2020
£	General Account	£	£
56,597	Net Gift Aided Givings		55,466
1,507	Direct Givings Schemes		440
6,826	Other Givings		3,768
14,547	Tax Recovery on Givings		14,045
79,477			73,719
1,102	PCC Fees		1,615
		£	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel	1,045	
4,197	Lettings:- St James	235	1,280
74	Interest		70
922	Magazine sales and advertising		785
1,364	Refreshment sales		319
0	Course fees written out		-43
87,136			77,745
	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
544	Donations		66
2,314	Fund Raising		245
216	Interest		108
30	Tax Recovery		20
40	Organ use		20
0	Insurance claim		290
3,144			749
90,280	Income Carried Forward		78,494

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2019	Expenditure	£	2020 £	2019	Income	£	2020 £
100,604	Expenditure Brought Forward		85,926	90,280	Income Carried Forward		78,494
	St James Restoration Fund				**St James Restoration Fund**		
756	Lloyd Evans Prichard - Prof Fees	1,258		3,044	Gift Aid pledges	2,094	
0	L.E.Partners -Prof Fees	904		859	Donations	2,169	
				314	Miscellaneous	71	
				1,535	Tax recovery	854	
				9,818	Fund Raising	1,680	
				9,299	Topmark (LPOW) VAT Recovery	2,086	
				0	Historic Cheshire Churches Trust	1,000	
756			2,162	24,869			9,954
	Repairs Account @ St James				**Repairs Account @ St James**		
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359	Proper Geeks replacement computer	0					
0	Mlewis gas boiler service	110					
6,272			3,208	371			1,138
	Charities Account				**Charities Account**		
3,815	The Church Overseas	427		1,851	Collections in Church	330	
5,534	Home Missions	5,064		6,887	Transfer from General Account	100	
3,838	Secular Charities	0		4,598	Other Charitable Collections	4,895	
13,187			5,491	13,336			5,325
120,819	Expenditure carried forward		96,787	128,856	Income carried forward		94,911

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON -ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income and Expenditure Accounts - Year Ended 31 December 2020 (Continued)

2019	Expenditure	£	2020 £
£			
120,819	Expenditure brought forward		96,787
	Churchwardens Legacy Account		
1,395	Mechair Ltd - C/Htg Service Contract	1,430	
0	Transfer to St James Repairs Account	1,000	
4,503	Glyn Nuttall Ltd External Lighting SJ	0	
5,898			2,430
	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
298	Youth Outings	18	
298			18
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
0		0	
0			0
10,219	Excess of Income Over Expenditure		3,778
137,234			103,013

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	Churchwardens Legacy Account		
7,829	Interest	7,816	
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	Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth		
250	Interest	250	
134	Panto ticket sales	0	
164	Craft Workshop	0	
548			250
	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust		
1	Interest	36	
1			36
0	Excess of Expenditure Over Income		0
137,234			103,013

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

Liabilities and Fund Balances

2019		£	£	2020
£		INCOME	EXPENDITURE	£
	Fund Balances			
	Unrestricted:			
71,077	General Account	77,745	82,634	66,188
220,375	Churchwardens Legacy Account	7,816	2,430	225,761
	Restricted:			
176	Charities Account	5,325	5,491	10
3,346	Repairs Account	1,138	3,208	1,276
26,330	Fabric Reserve Account	749	3,292	23,787
4,528	Vicars Discr'y Fund for Youth	250	18	4,760
741	Ledder Cornish Brace Trust	36	0	777
40,317	St James Restoration Fund	9,954	2,162	48,109
366,890		103,013	99,235	370,668
1,682	Creditors			0
13,914	Monies Held On Account			6,915
382,486				377,583

Assets

2019		£	2020 £
£			
	Church of England		
	Central Board of Finance:		
152,235	Shares at Cost	152,235	
	(Value as at 31/12/20 - £267,521)		
104,281	Deposit Fund	105,294	257,529
100	Petty Cash Imprest		100
	Cash at Bank:		
506	Deposit Account	542	
125,364	Current Accounts	119,412	119,954
382,486			377,583

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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

CHARITABLE GIVING

2019 £	Charity Payments	2020 £	£
	Collections in Church		
364	Children's Society	330	
334	RNLI	0	
216	Macular Society	0	
88	Cancer Research UK	0	
192	Claire House Hospice	0	
8	Mersey Mission to Seafarers	0	
257	Clatterbridge Oncology	0	
192	Macmillan Cancer Support	0	
200	Stick and Step	0	
1,851			330
	Other Collections		
717	Christian Aid	0	
0	Wirral Foodbank /Foodbank Plus	4,273	
0	Leprosy Mission	327	
207	Macmillan Cancer Support	0	
152	Meningitis Now (formerly Trust)	0	
2,271	Bread & Spread Project	312	
194	Parish Luncheon Club	0	
763	Claire House	0	
90	Barnabas Fund	0	
55	Emmanuel Food Bank	25	
0	Fun, Food and Friendship	124	
4,449			5,061
6,300	Charity Payments Carried Forward		5,391

2019 £		2020 £	£
6,300	Charity Payments Brought Forward		5,391
	Direct Contributions from General A/C		
500	Church Army		
500	Church Mission Society		
237	Claire House Hospice		
500	Crosslinks		
500	Wirral Debt Advice		
500	St John's Hospice		
500	Water Aid		
500	Tear Fund		
500	Wirral Churches Ark Project		
500	Wirral Foodbank		
500	Bible Society		
500	Barnabas Fund	100	
500	Fun, Food and Friendship		
500	Tam O'Shanters Urban Farm		
150	Daily Bread Ministries		
6,887			100
13,187			5,491

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Notes	2019	Analysis of Monies held on Account	2020	
	£		£	£
	590	Vicar's Fund	605	
	0	SJRF	0	
	104	May Ball	104	
	401	Luncheon Club	478	
	15	Lighting Project	66	
	1,159	Bread & Spread Project	1,496	
	184	Fun food and Friendship	251	
	0	Covid Grant	95	
	205	Emmanuel Foodbank	200	
	8	Emmanuel Fundraising	0	
	2,058	Choir Fund	1,471	
	224	Beatrice Fish Garden	224	
	1,422	Wave Café & Kitchen Project	1,900	
	0	SJ Fundraising	25	
	7,257	HMRC	0	
	328	SJ Repairs account	0	
	19	Ledder Cornish Trust	0	
	-60	First Aid Course	0	
	13,914		6,915	

Analysis of Fundraising	2019 St James	2019 Emmanuel	2020 St James	2020 Emmanuel
	£	£	£	£
Summer/Spring Fair	917	714	0	0
Christmas Fair	1,068	1,369	0	0
Inspire Tube / Collecting Boxes	535	43	75	0
Saturday Coffee Mornings	0	228		112
Good Friday Recital	186	0	0	0
Microflight sponsership	0	0	1,030	0
Organ Festival	695	0	0	0
Zipwire (Chancel Appeal/'Angels')	3,275	0	0	0
Godspell	2,380	0	0	0
Christmas card sales	0	0	60	0
Pancake Sales	55	0	0	0
Christmas Card opt out scheme	75	0	45	0
Karaoke Evening /Film Night	0	0	0	0
Smartie tubes	0	0	0	165
Maundy Meal	55	0	0	0
Miscellaneous sales	240	0	316	0
Wirral History and Heritage Fair	0	0	106	0
3 Choirs concert	276	0	48	0
Memory Tree	61	0	0	0
	9,818	2,354	1,680	277

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2020

2019	Expenditure		2020
£	General Account	£	£
59,692	Parish Share	61,184	
2,234	Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges	2,309	
1,840	Clergy Expenses incl Car Allowance	1,194	
284	Replacement Cassock	0	
6,618	Heating, Lighting & Water	4,039	
7,165	Insurance Premiums	7,122	
2,426	Organist's fees	1,560	
240	Foundations for Ministry Course	0	
1,052	Photocopying (excl magazine)	620	
2,242	Sundries	1,369	
678	Magazine Costs	769	
124	Sunday School & Youth	0	
807	Music Worship Expenses	577	
6,887	Contribution to Charities Account	100	
181	Refreshment Expenses	53	
2,593	Vestry phone and internet	1,738	
95,063			82,634
	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
998	Bailey & Birch Ltd - Elec Modifications	1,452	
57	Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	0	
2,993	"GOPAK" Tables and chairs	0	
0	Elmwood Boiler Service	150	
354	Furber Roofing	948	
172	JABirch & Son Church Maintenance	180	
606	Gardening and new lawnmower	0	
0	Makin Organs Ltd Tuning	350	
150	Wirral Drainage	0	
211	"HATS Ltd" - Hall Heater Repairs	212	
5,541			3,292
100,604	Expenditure Carried Forward		85,926

2019	Income		2020
£	General Account	£	£
56,597	Net Gift Aided Givings		55,466
1,507	Direct Givings Schemes		440
6,826	Other Givings		3,768
14,547	Tax Recovery on Givings		14,045
79,477			73,719
1,102	PCC Fees		1,615
		£	
	Lettings:- Emmanuel	1,045	
4,197	Lettings:- St James	235	1,280
74	Interest		70
922	Magazine sales and advertising		785
1,364	Refreshment sales		319
0	Course fees written out		-43
87,136			77,745
	Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel		
544	Donations		66
2,314	Fund Raising		245
216	Interest		108
30	Tax Recovery		20
40	Organ use		20
0	Insurance claim		290
3,144			749
90,280	Income Carried Forward		78,494

PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

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2019	Expenditure	£	2020 £	2019	Income	£	2020 £
100,604	Expenditure Brought Forward		85,926	90,280	Income Carried Forward		78,494
	St James Restoration Fund				**St James Restoration Fund**		
756	Lloyd Evans Prichard - Prof Fees	1,258		3,044	Gift Aid pledges	2,094	
0	L.E.Partners -Prof Fees	904		859	Donations	2,169	
				314	Miscellaneous	71	
				1,535	Tax recovery	854	
				9,818	Fund Raising	1,680	
				9,299	Topmark (LPOW) VAT Recovery	2,086	
				0	Historic Cheshire Churches Trust	1,000	
756			2,162	24,869			9,954
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