

Annual Report 2020

St Bride's Church, Old Trafford



St Bride's Church, Old Trafford Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 18th April 2021 at 1 pm

Our Annual Church Meeting is an opportunity to deal with the business of the church, to discuss issues that are concerned with our community life, and to think creatively about our future as we follow God's leading.

Inside this booklet are reports on the activities of the church, which I ask you to read, and so be able to come to the meeting with well prepared questions and ideas for discussion.

Thank you for all that you have done and contributed during this past year, but, most of all, thank you for being part of the family here at St Bride's.

"Be ready for whatever comes, dressed for action and with your lamps lit, like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door at once." – Luke 12: 35-36 (GNB)

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Rector's Introduction

The year 2020 will not be easily forgotten as we began it with news of a strange disease making its way around the world causing governments to begin bringing in certain controls, and even lockdowns. It was no real surprise to find ourselves also brought to a shutdown with places of worship unable to hold services in their buildings. In March, after the church weekend away which, due to a new and persistent cough I was unable to go on, we began to stream Sunday worship services on our St Bride's Old Trafford Youtube channel. We made the decision to be as live as possible while other churches chose to pre-record aspects, and some all, of their services. We felt that resources were already out there which church members could access and we wanted to be gathered in time, if not in the same physical space, and use the chat function to build one another up and encourage the whole church. People from outside our normal catchment, but who predominantly have links to our church community, began to see us as their online church. As we were able to have limited numbers return for worship in the building from the Summer we formed an Admin Team to organise us and with the Steward Team have held Sunday Services both online and onsite, with the latter ending in communion.

Video chat (mostly using Zoom) became the main way to meet for small midweek groups, prayer meetings, occasional events and now and then Bizzy B's. A pastoral team was put together to make sure that people were made contact with, especially those with health issues or were isolated. Naturally people found this whole situation difficult and a number began to disconnect, with some then finding their way to link with other churches and then others realising that this was going to last more than a few weeks and in beginning to learn

that these technological ways of being community were better than nothing, and in some cases had aspects that were more beneficial than how things were pre-covid-19 (the disease in question), they connected back in to St Bride's. Online messaging services like WhatsApp have become more important to ministry and it's been wonderful to see the prayerful care and concern people have shown each other especially in times of crisis and loss.

Beginning with the Wednesday evening meeting, and now becoming a whole church concern, it was felt that we should support St Moses in Uganda as they were (are) struggling far more through this time than us and we desire to help our brothers and sisters in Christ and those in dire need. To re-deepen our relationship with them has been an encouragement and blessing to us. Seeing the photos and videos sent to us to show that our giving has made a real difference has made even me quite emotional at times!

We don't know how 2021 will be but hopefully we will have learnt to be more prayerful and have become more attentive to the voice of our Good Shepherd and to know how better to follow his guidance.

Thank you all for your godly persistence, for your encouragement to those who have struggled at times and for your prayers, practical help and involvement. We have all, myself included, had dark days and times of struggle so the fact that you are still with us and part of the family of this small church here in the heart of Old Trafford is fantastic - and know that you are valued and appreciated.

Do please read the rest of this report and let us continue together in the ministry and mission that God has called us to, running the race that he has set before us.

God bless you in the name of Jesus,

Rev Peter Matthews, Rector of St Bride's



Agenda For Annual Meetings

18th April 2021

Meeting of Parishioners

(Open to everyone on the Electoral Roll plus all Local Government Electors in the Parish)

- 1 Prayer
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October, 2020
These minutes were approved by the PCC on 26th November, 2020
- 4 Election of 2 Churchwardens for 2021/2022
Churchwardens are PCC members ex officio.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(Open to everyone on the Electoral Roll of the Church. Non-voting observers are welcome.)

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 31st October, 2020
These minutes were approved by the PCC on 26th November, 2020
- 3 Identification of issues for discussion at the APCM or future PCC meetings
Anyone on the Electoral Roll may suggest an item for discussion, but PLEASE be sure to let Peter Matthews or Graham Cooper have notice of the item by Tuesday, 13th April, 2021.
- 4.1 Report of Rector
- 4.2 Report of Electoral Roll Officer
- 4.3 Report from PCC
- 4.4 Report from Deanery Synod (Nothing to report)
- 4.5 Report of Parish Safeguarding Officer
- 4.6 Parish Policy on Safeguarding Children
- 4.7 Parish Policy on Safeguarding Adults
- 4.8 Fabric Report
- 5.1 Report of Treasurer and Presentation of Accounts for 2020
- 5.2 Budget for 2021
- 5.3 Independent Examiner for 2021
- 6.1 Report of Small Groups
- 6.2 Report of St Bride's Youth
- 6.3 Report of St Bride's Kids
- 6.4 Report of St Bride's Project
- 6.5 Report of Big Breakfast
- 6.6 Report of Bizzy B's
- 6.7 Report on Church Weekend Away at Scargill
- 7 Election of 2 Deanery Synod Representatives (for 2 years)
- 8 Election of 6 Members of the Parochial Church Council
Subject to drawing lots for 3 places for 3 years, 1 place for 2 years, and 2 places for 1 year
- 9 Issues for discussion at the APCM (as identified above)
- 10 Praying for the work of the church

Annual Meeting Of Parishioners Minutes

31st October 2020

In Attendance:

Angela Cooper, Graham Cooper (minutes), Susanna Hewitt, Chara Hosie, Douglas Matthews, Penny Matthews, Rev. Peter Matthews (chair), John Myring, Linda Penrose, M-J Sharp, Jennifer Williams.

Apologies were received from:

Alison Bell, Rachel Dean, Rob Eccles, Rev. Vivien Eccles, Clare Myring, Rebecca Rank, Lynda Sterling.

- 1 Rev. Peter Matthews opened the meeting with a reading from Philippians 3: 12-14, followed by prayer.
- 2 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April, 2019, which had been approved by the
- 3 Parochial Church Council on 13th May, 2019, were approved.
There were no nominations for candidates for election as churchwardens for the year 2020/2021.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Minutes

31st October 2020

In Attendance:

Angela Cooper, Graham Cooper (minutes), Catherine Fyfe, Scott Hewitt, Susanna Hewitt, Chara Hosie, Douglas Matthews, Penny Matthews, Rev. Peter Matthews (chair), John Myring, Linda Penrose, M-J Sharp, Jennifer Williams.

1 Apologies were received from:

Alison Bell, Rachel Dean, Rob Eccles, Rev. Vivien Eccles, Clare Myring, Rebecca Rank, Lynda Sterling.

2 The minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 14th April 2019, which had been approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th May 2019, were approved.

3 No items for discussion had been notified in advance to the chair or to the secretary.

Officers' Reports

4.1 Rev. Peter Matthews read the Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St Bride's, Old Trafford, which with the appointment of Angela Cooper as safeguarding officer, was approved by the PCC on 13th May 2019.

4.2 Rev. Peter Matthews read the Church's Policy on Safeguarding of Adults in the Church, which was approved by the PCC on 13th May 2019. He expressed his thanks to Angela Cooper for her work behind the scenes.

4.3 The reports of the Electoral Roll Officer, the Secretary to the PCC, the Deanery Synod Representative, and the Safeguarding Officer were received.

4.4 John Myring presented the Fabric Report adding that the redecoration of the worship space had now been completed with better quality paint, and the floor mended, but there was still a leak over the emergency staircase, on which he and Peter Matthews were taking professional advice in the hope that it might be repaired under the terms of the builder's indemnity contract.

Finance

5 John Myring presented the annual financial report adding that during the Covid-19 pandemic church members' financial support had been largely maintained leading to an expectation of a small surplus at the end of 2020, and he proposed the reception of the report and the appointment of John Holdsworth as Independent Examiner for the forthcoming year.

Proposed by John Myring, seconded by Angela Cooper, carried unanimously.

Reports of Activities

6 The reports on Prayer Ministry, Small Groups, St Bride's Youth, Bizzy B's, the Destitution Project, the Big Breakfast, and St Bride's Kids were received.

Elections

7 There were no candidates nominated for the 2 vacancies to represent the church with the clergy on Stretford Deanery Synod for 3 years. (It was noted that in 2021 the deanery was to be amalgamated with 2 other deaneries, but with the same representation from parishes as currently.)

8 The following 6 lay people were elected to sit on the Parochial Church Council for 1, 2 or 3 years according to lots drawn leaving 4 vacancies:

Kwami Ankra, Douglas Matthews, John Myring, Linda Penrose, Fred Waters

9 There were no items requested for discussion.

10 Church members joined in prayer.

Electoral Roll Officer Report

In 2017 a new Electoral Roll was compiled. In each subsequent years the Electoral Roll has been revised.

At the time of the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 31st October, 2020, the Electoral Roll recorded 63 names. Since that time there have been no names added or removed from the Roll.

The Electoral Roll on 21st March, 2021, recorded 63 names.

Demographic Composition of the Electoral Roll on 21st March, 2021.

The figures for the Roll on 14th April, 2019, appear in brackets below.

17 (12) people live in St. Bride's parish	27%	(22%)
46 (41) people live outside St. Bride's parish	73%	(78%)
40 (32) people live in Old Trafford	63.5%	(64%)
23 (21) people live outside Old Trafford	36.5%	(36%)

Of the people living outside Old Trafford 17 (15) live very close to the boundary of Old Trafford.

Graham Cooper, Electoral Roll Officer

Secretary to the PCC Report

- 1 At the beginning of 2020 the elected members of the P.C.C. were Alison Bell, Angela Cooper, (Deanery Synod representative), Graham Cooper (Secretary), Robert Eccles, David Henningham, Sam Marriott, Douglas Matthews, Clare Myring (Vice-Chair), John Myring (Treasurer), and Linda Penrose. Rev. Peter Matthews (Chair) and Rev. Viv Eccles were members by virtue of their office as clergy. There were no churchwardens.
- 2 Because of restrictions imposed from March, 2020, by the Covid-19 pandemic the A.P.C.M. was delayed until 31st October, 2020, and was held as a virtual meeting by Zoom, when the following people were elected to positions on the P.C.C. for the number of years shown in brackets: Kwami Ankrah (3), Douglas Matthews (1), John Myring (2), Linda Penrose (3), and Fred Waters (1) leaving 4 unfilled vacancies, and 2 unfilled vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives. Rev. Peter Matthews (chair) continued as chair by virtue of his office as rector. No-one was elected as a churchwarden. Rev. Viv Eccles' status as a member of the clergy changed because of her age, and she was no longer eligible for a seat on the P.C.C. by virtue of her office.
- 3 The P.C.C. co-opted Graham Cooper, and appointed for the year: Linda Penrose-vice-chair; John Myring-treasurer; Graham Cooper-secretary and electoral roll officer.
- 4 The P.C.C. met on 6 occasions. The last 4 meetings were virtual meetings by Zoom because of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, and only the last meeting in 2020 was a meeting of the newly elected P.C.C. The Standing Committee met between P.C.C. meetings to deal with urgent business and to agree the next P.C.C. agenda.
- 5 The P.C.C. complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).
- 6 Each meeting included prayer and usually a Bible reading, routine reports on finance, safeguarding, children, youth, maintenances of the building with health and safety, and concluded with a review of how the meeting had gone.
- 7 The P.C.C. responded to a diocesan consultation on proposed new large area deaneries. In the proposal Old Trafford would be part of a deanery extending from Flixton to Fallowfield and from Wythenshawe to St. Ann's Square in the centre of Manchester. Another diocesan consultation concerned new mission districts comprising several parishes: the draft proposal was for a mission district comprising All Saints and St. Matthew's Churches, Stretford, St. Hilda's Church, Firwood and Gorse Hill, and St. Bride's and St. John the Evangelist's Churches in Old Trafford.
- 8 Other business considered by the P.C.C. included a giving policy, the week-end away, the mission action plan, and most notably responding to the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The church was organised for socially distanced attendance, services were live-streamed, and meetings were held by Zoom.

Graham Cooper, Secretary

Safeguarding Report

Responsibilities

The Church of England is committed to the protection of all children and adults, especially those who may be vulnerable, for example due to illness or disability. St Bride's has adopted safeguarding policies which should be reviewed at the A.P.C.M each year. The policies help us to create a safe environment for both children and vulnerable people. They are designed to ensure that volunteers are better prepared to respond to suspicion or allegation of abuse whether the alleged abuse is outside or within the church; also, that the risk be reduced of someone using a position in the church to exploit a person. Safe recruitment and training procedures are in place to enable high standards of care.

No-one should drift into helping

Any vacancies in should be advertised with a job description. Volunteers need to make a 'Confidential Declaration' regarding their suitability to be involved in the area of work. The volunteer is required to make a paper application and references will be taken up. There needs to be an interview and if the person appears to be suitable for the role an application can be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service. The Safeguarding Officer is informed of anything that would make the person unsuitable for the role. The volunteer is then required to take complete on-line training prior to taking on their new role. The Diocese provides training throughout the Diocese which the volunteer is required to attend. A record of agreement is signed, and they receive a copy of our 'Good Practice' guidelines.

Support

Working as teams and offering encouragement and constructive criticism is the best safeguard against poor morale and slipping standards. The support of our youth and children's workers with prayer is the collective responsibility of the church.

Risks

If the church does not strive to adhere to the policy, the church's insurance company may refuse to deal with a claim by a child that he or she has been harmed by the negligence of someone acting on behalf of the church. By their hiring agreement the Arabic Church undertakes to follow our child protection policy.

Practicalities

It has proved difficult to practically help those wanting to take up posts on PCC to manage the technology involved in applying for a DBS certificate and completing the mandatory on-line training. Hopefully as restrictions ease it will become easier to assist those who are keen to serve in this way.

The Children's and Vulnerable Adult's Safeguarding Policies are on display in the narthex as required by the Diocese. The church website includes Safeguarding information.

The Safeguarding Officer's photograph and contact telephone number are on display in the Narthex (also required by the Diocese).

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the bookshelf against the office wall in the church foyer where anyone can access it if they so wish.

Angela Cooper, Parish Safeguarding Officer

Parish Policy On Safeguarding Children

This statement was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 8th May 2017. It will be read at the Annual General Meeting held in the month of April each year where progress in carrying it out will be monitored. Children and young people are part of our church. They have much to give as well as to receive. We will listen to them. As we nurture them in worship, learning, and community life, we will take into account the wishes and feelings of children and young people.

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection, and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent, or to prevent the continuation of, any physical, sexual, and emotional abuse of children and young people of which we become aware, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognize that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- Our church is committed to following the policy and procedures published by the Diocese.
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.
- Each worker with children and young people must undertake Diocesan Safeguarding Training, know the guidelines and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the P.C.C. has appointed Angela Cooper to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer from April 2018.

Parish Policy On Safeguarding Adults

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

- 1 We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- 2 As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- 3 We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- 4 We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- 5 The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- 6 It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- 7 We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
- 8 The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
- 9 The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- 10 Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

Fabric Report

Outside space

Big thank you to those who have made sure it is clean and tidy in our church garden and car park with a special thanks to Fred Waters and Simon Dean who have made sure the bins have been put out when they should have, that the weeds have been kept back, the lawn mown and pretty much anything that has been needed to be done.

Inside space

Decorating:

The damage from the water coming from the roof into the worship space and back stairwell was sorted and redecorated and refloored. We have made sure the roof is regularly cleared of debris but the back stairs is still getting water coming in as there is a problem with the roof itself which is being looked into.

Kitchen:

The extraction system was cleared, netting put on to stop any more pigeons getting inside and the whole of that and the kitchen deep cleaned.

Fire alarm and emergency lighting:

These have been regularly checked on contract and some of the emergency lights required new batteries.

Boiler:

The boiler has been serviced and the heating set up correctly for use with underfloor heating in a way that should require very little adjustment.

Signage and work for being COVID-19 secure:

Temporary signs have been placed around the site indicating directions of travel, sanitation procedures and other info as well as some semi-permanent signs like direction stickers and paint on the floor and ground.

Thank you to John and Clare Myring for all the time and effort they have put into making sure so much of this work has been achieved throughout this difficult year.



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Treasurers Report for Year to 31st December 2020

It is with a sigh of relief that, despite all that has happened, (or not, in the case of Church activities), I am able to report that 2020 has proved to be a satisfactory year for the Church's finances. Overall there was a surplus of £8,800, with the majority of this due to the impact of activities of the Destitution Project. It is good to note that the General Fund has a small surplus of £2,200, continuing to maintain the level of funds here at a satisfactory level, and enabling the implementation of the PCC policy of making donations to other organisations. The Destitution Project had an overall surplus of £6,000, mainly reflecting the reimbursement of previous years' Running Costs from the British Red Cross.

General Fund

The General Fund is where the day to day Income and Expenditure of keeping the Church running is recorded. In 2020 our income exceeded our running costs by £2,200, a reduction on the surplus of £5,900 in 2019. Overall income reduced by £1,300 (3%), which in the circumstances was very encouraging. Regular giving and the related reclaimed Gift Aid rose by a small margin, and we are to give thanks that the majority of the congregation were able to continue their regular giving throughout the year. With the curtailment of the activities of both the Big Breakfast and Busy Bees income from their use of the building was down in the year. As we move into another year of Lockdown and economic challenges we all need to be aware of the impact this will have on the Church's income stream in the forthcoming year. An increase of £2,300 in expenditure is primarily due to increases in expenditure in maintenance, and this is a trend that is likely to continue in coming years. With the surplus we managed to increase the level of the General Fund to £19,900 at the year end, leaving the General Fund in a satisfactory position, although the challenges of the current crisis and its impact on finances are still slightly unknown.

- Income in the year of £44,800 is slightly lower than the previous year. The overall level of Regular Giving and related Gift Aid increased slightly year-on-year as individual members circumstances changed, and again the number giving regularly has increased in the year. Income from the use of the building was lower as the restrictions on its use were implemented. Donations and Fundraising were both lower, emphasizing the need to continue to focus on increasing the regular giving to ensure we maintain a satisfactory financial position.
- Expenditure in the year of £42,600 is 6% higher than in 2019. The major item of expenditure is the Parish Share, paid to the Diocese, which is a contribution towards their costs of providing us with our incumbent. This year it was £17,700, reflecting the small increase in line with our agreement with the Diocese. The costs of running the building have, as anticipated, increased by £2,100. Maintenance costs have increased significantly as the regular maintenance programme is started to be implemented, but there were savings with the Cleaning contract being suspended during the Building closure. Clergy costs were lower with less activities and the retirement of our Curate during the year. I

am pleased to report that we were able to give small donations to activities with which the church has a connection in the year, which we hope and pray will have an impact on the work that they do.

- The proposed Budget for 2021 reflects the impact of known and anticipated reductions in giving from members of the Church, together with a lower income from the use of the Church building as we have to anticipate that activities will continue to be curtailed for some months. Expenditure will be higher, with the increase in Parish Share and provision for increasing costs of maintenance. Work will continue in controlling running costs, but it is to be expected that there will be a deficit in the year, funded out of the reserves.

Designated Funds

Overall these showed a surplus in the year, a very changed picture from previous years, but as usual this statement doesn't reflect fully the blessings and challenges in a number of areas: -

- Youth and Children's Work – Following the changes to the work with our Youth and Children, running costs have been significantly lower than previous years. We continue to be blessed that the financial support of this work has continued, and we were able to ensure that all the young people who wanted to go to the Church Weekend away in early 2020 were able to do so.
- Destitution Project – the Pandemic meant that by April the entire way the project was run changed. Instead of receiving a hot meal and a weekly food parcel the Clients could only attend every two weeks and were supported by increased cash donations, mostly funded by the Red Cross. We were blessed by two Community Grants, totaling £8.300 from Trafford Housing Trust which enabled us to provide a little more money on top of that provided by the Red Cross. As the accounts show the running costs increased by almost 50% over the previous year and the re-imbursement from the Red Cross was more than double the previous years. We were also blessed that our friends in the Big Breakfast who usually met monthly in the building and contribute their surplus income to the project, moved online and continued to support the Project with various Fundraising activities so that the fundraising income was only 14% lower than the previous year. Unfortunately, due to the Global demands on their resources, British Red Cross had to reduce the funding available to their projects and the level of support to the Clients had to be reduced in the closing weeks of the year. One of the big uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic is how our clients are to be supported going forward; as the numbers of people in need show no signs of declining.
- Church Equipment. A further £1,500 was spent in the year, mainly on items to enable the Church to continue to meet through You Tube and Zoom during the year, and in making the building Covid secure, particularly for those that came for support through the Destitution Project.
- Other Funds – These funds are for income and related costs for Church activities that have taken place over the year, principally the Church Weekend at Scargill House in March.

John Myring PCC Treasurer February 2021

St Brides Church Old Trafford
Income & Expenditure 12 months to 31st Dec 2020

Fund Name	Balance at 01/01/2020	Income In Year	Expenditure In Year	Balance at 31/12/2020
General fund	£17,717	£44,775	£42,597	£19,895
Youth & Childrens Work	£8,974	£3,805	£1,619	£11,160
Destitution Fund (British Red Cross)	-£2,699	£79,468	£73,348	£3,421
Church Equipment	£2,479		£1,543	£936
Other	£2,408	£5,689	£5,824	£2,273
Totals	£28,879	£133,737	£124,931	£37,685
Funds Represented by	31/12/2019			31/12/2020
Current Account	£500			£500
Paid in 2020 re 2019	£1,135			£0
Cheques Drawn not processed	-£1,173			£0
Cheque presented in 2020 re 2021	£1,760			£1,170
Deposit Account	£24,619			£30,435
Total	£26,841			£32,105
Accounts Receivable - HMRC Gift Aid	£2,038			£3,035
- British Red Cross	£0			£2,545
Total Funds	£28,879			£37,685

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		2020	2020	2019	2019
		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
General Fund					
	Regular Giving & Collections	£33,642		£32,435	
	Gift Aid Claimed	£6,839		£7,410	
	Donations	£120		£730	
	Income from Use of Building	£3,420		£4,440	
	Fundraising & Other Income	£754		£1,032	
	General Fund Income	£44,775		£46,047	
	Parish Share		£17,651		£17,472
	Church Maintenance		£6,181		£2,206
	Cleaning		£365		£1,746
	Church Running - Gas		£1,955		£2,233
	Church Running - Electric		£2,816		£3,103
	Church Running - Insurance		£1,562		£1,562
	Church Running - Water		£564		£0
	Working expenses of Curate		£1,012		£1,650
	Working expenses of Incumbant		£1,142		£1,236
	Rectory Council Tax		£1,999		£1,905
	Rectory Water rates		£275		£526
	Parish Training & Mission		£180		£1,210
	Subscriptions		£0		£90
	Giving to Other Organisations		£500		£0
	Upkeep of Services		£1,372		£681
	Church Office Phones & Internet		£4,436		£3,793
	Sundries		£387		£670
	Governance Costs		£200		£200
	General Fund Expenditure		£42,597		£40,283
Designated Funds					
Youth & Children's Work	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£3,805		£4,455	
Destitution Project	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£9,348		£10,839	
	Grants from Organisations	£8,300		£0	
	Re-imburement of Running Costs	£61,820		£28,132	
Other Funds	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£5,689		£3,564	
Youth & Children's Work	Youth & Children's Work Expenses		£1,619		£1,464
Destitution Project	Project Running Costs		£73,348		£50,045
Other Funds	Equipment & Relocation Expenses		£1,543		£1,191
	Other Running Costs		£5,824		£2,357
	Grants to Organisations		£0		£3,600
	Total Designated Funds	£88,962	£82,334	£46,990	£58,657
	Total For Year	£133,737	£124,931	£93,037	£98,940

St Brides Church Old Trafford
Budget 2021
12 Months to 31st December

	2020 Budget	2020 Actuals Full Year	2021 Budget Proposed
INCOME			
Regular Giving - Church	£32,750	£33,506	£28,350
Regular Giving - Youth & Children's Work	£4,465	£3,805	£3,255
Collections Donations & Fund Raising	£1,630	£316	£2,640
Income from Use of Building	£4,320	£3,420	£2,640
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£7,865	£6,838	£6,615
Energy Rebates (Solar)	£700	£695	£700
Total Income for Year	£51,730	£48,580	£44,200
EXPENDITURE			
Parish Share	£18,000	£17,651	£18,500
Gas	£2,400	£1,955	£2,200
Electric	£3,200	£2,816	£2,900
Water	£600	£564	£600
Insurance	£1,560	£1,562	£1,600
Maintenance & Cleaning			
Maintenance & Decorating	£4,800	£6,181	£7,000
Sanitary & Nappy Bins	£546	£0	£273
Cleaning Contract & Supplies	£1,400	£365	£700
Incumbents and Curates Expenses			
Curates Honorarium	£1,650	£1,012	£0
Vicars expenses	£1,440	£659	£900
Rectory Costs			
Council Tax	£2,000	£1,999	£2,080
Water Rates	£575	£275	£575
Office & Administration			
Church Office Phones & Internet	£760	£811	£825
Church Office Copier	£2,532	£2,842	£2,500
Audit Fee	£200	£200	£200
Bank Charges	£600	£783	£750
Subscriptions & Payroll	£60	£0	£0
Services & Mission			
Youth Work	£1,200	£435	£500
Children's Work	£600	£40	£500
Youth & Children at Scargill W/End	£1,500	£1,144	£0
Giving	£0	£500	£1,200
Alpha/Mission	£300	£180	£300
Church Breakfast	£1,100	£276	£600
CCLI & Other Licences	£700	£1,096	£1,200
Sundries	£1,200	£870	£1,000
Total Expenditure for Year	£48,923	£44,216	£46,903
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	£2,807	£4,364	-£2,703

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST. BRIDE'S OLD TRAFFORD

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages to .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC AND THE EXAMINER

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Regulation and under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on;

- those financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustee as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustee as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

BASIS OF THIS REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 and have not been met; or
 - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

• SIGNED

John T. Holdsworth BA, C.Ed.,

Date

21/2/2021

John Thomas Holdsworth BA, C Ed.

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Other Events & Gatherings

Throughout 2020 small groups and other gatherings and events have continued and moved to online only and many smaller 'gatherings' have been produced often on messaging apps found on smartphones. Morning prayer, Wednesday Night Homegroup and a Sunday evening gathering all became events held on Zoom, a video conferencing app. The morning prayer and Wednesday meeting also had a messaging group each where things of importance - and occasionally some silliness and fun! - were communicated, and we began to learn how we could pray for one another and build each other up without necessarily seeing one another. A WhatsApp group was continued for the Knitting Group and one was started for the parents of St Bride's Kids and one was begun for the whole church. After the church service a Zoom fellowship meeting was set up so that some face time could be had for those who wanted and it has been great to even reconnect with people from St Bride's past. When there were opportunities for twos or small groups to meet people were taking these up to help, pastor and pray for and with each other as well as 'just' spend time in each other's company. Being in people's homes via webcams and chatting while they prepare meals or lounge in their sofas has actually been on occasion fun, revealing and quite intimate! We still do look forward to the days when we can gather together in person once again and share food as well as fellowship.

St Bride's Youth

We started 2020 strong at St Bride's Youth. At Thursday Night Youth (formerly Youth Discipleship), we did Pete Greig's Prayer Course, which is an 8-week course all about what prayer is, how to do it, and why we do it, all using the structure of the Lord's Prayer.

Alongside Thursday's sessions, we were also running Alpha Youth on Friday nights, which we ran as a youth drop-in. The youth turned up, played some games such as table tennis, air hockey or giant knock-off Jenga, and then had some free takeaway. After eating we would then run the Alpha session from 8pm-8.30/45pm depending on the length of the video. We started with 7 youth joining us, which doubled the following 2 weeks and after that, we had around 20 regulars, plus the occasional extras.

It was great having them turning up weekly to have fun together, eat together and learn more about Jesus together, and it was a shame that we had to stop this weekly event once the lockdown started.

The first week of lockdown, we instantly started meeting on Thursdays using Zoom continuing the Prayer Course for the last couple of sessions.

Once the Prayer Course was over, we decided to spend the rest of the academic year looking at the same Bible passages that we were reading on Sundays with the Bible in a year. We invited all of the youth that joined us on Fridays to join us, which a couple of them accepted.

After the summer holidays, we continued meeting on Zoom with a year-long aim of looking at the Spiritual Disciplines. We started with the "vision series" for the youth, which, like 2019, was called Heart Conditions, looking at the condition of our hearts. We also looked at the disciplines of Study and Self-Examination.

During the lockdown and into December, we also ran a weekly 5-15 minute podcast on Youtube based on the Psalms. We had a couple of special guests such as Brittany White from Red Church in Melbourne, Australia and Beth and Jamie Pritchard from The Lantern Church in Wimborne, Dorset.

I'd like to thank the youth team: Rachel Dean, MJ Sharp and Malc Sterling for all of their help and hard work. Yes, the year has been tough and we have Zoom-fatigue, but it has been amazing seeing all that God has done.

Doug Matthews, Youth Lead



St Bride's Kids

Two children's groups ran on Sunday mornings from January to March 2020; our programmes were based on the bible readings used in the adults' group. The last time the children were able to meet together was during our Church Weekend Away at Scargill House where the in-house team provided fun activities for them.

A WhatsApp group was set up following the initial lockdown in March for parents and leaders to facilitate the sharing of ideas and activities for the children to enjoy and to encourage each other.

A few leaders met in the park to discuss the option of restarting groups. Group leaders were canvassed about contributing to face to face groups but at that time it was decided face to face was not a good idea. The option of Zoom was discussed but this was not met with much enthusiasm; there were concerns about using the technology and also of how beneficial it would be for the younger children.

At Easter some activity packs were distributed to some of the younger children for whom we had addresses.

In between lockdowns we had a socially distanced picnic in Hullard Park which a few families were able to attend.

Angela Cooper, Kids Team

St Bride's Project

The Project, serving destitute asylum seekers, in partnership with the British Red Cross, began 2020 in our usual way – providing food parcels and a hot meal every Thursday – but as the pandemic took hold it became increasingly obvious that we would need to change!

In early March we swiftly put social distancing measures, hand sanitisers etc in place but as lockdown approached we took the decision on March 19th to give 2 weeks support - one food parcel and £10 for the 2nd week, telling people to return on 2nd April, trusting that we would find a way to continue by then.

Following numerous Zoom meetings with BRC, continuous scrutiny of Government, Church of England and BRC regulations we established that a minimal service was feasible every 2 weeks. Many thanks to Peter and Laura who kept it going for the Church as most of the usual volunteers were instructed to shield. They established a system where service users queued outside at a distance and entered the building singly to receive their money, which had been enveloped in advance. BRC had moved their casework onto phone calls only so were in attendance only to record service users and direct newcomers to the phone service.

We had to resort to giving money each fortnight as buying and packing food became untenable. This put a huge strain on our budget but Praise God for

Trafford Housing Trust who gave us an emergency grant and to the Big Breakfast team who continued to fundraise, in an increasingly varied and creative way, for us even though they couldn't meet. Thank you to John for going to the bank, Clare standing in for Laura, Graham for managing the grants and Tony and his team for fundraising.

As restrictions lifted slightly in August more of us were able to come to the building and we re-established the clothes stall – this time with new clothes only, quarantined for 72 hours. Many thanks to Grace, Mark and Gloria for managing this. As time went on we were able to recruit more people to steward and so enable 2 or 3 service users to be in the building at a time. Thank you to all the Big Breakfast volunteer stewards. A big thank you to Laura who has spent the whole winter manning the queue outside in the cold!!

We managed to give everyone – 97 people – a gift at Christmas. Thank you to everyone involved in providing those. Special thanks to Ros in Liverpool and her son for providing 32 gift bags of presents for children.

Altogether a challenging year but Praise God for His provision.

Linda Penrose, St Bride's Project Lead





The Big Breakfast

Wow, what can I say, 2020 has been a big year for the Big Breakfast. On 8th February we celebrated our 3rd year anniversary.

The monthly event was well established bringing in over 120 customers each time and making north of £800 profit per event for the St Bride's Destitution Project.

At our anniversary event we made £895 profit. Not bad for 3 hours of cafe.

Alas with the Covid outbreak March was our last event. The heart of the project however remained the same, to support St Bride's Destitution Project, to bring the community together and to be a bridge between the church and the local area. Therefore we looked to continue the mission in innovative ways. In April 2020 we had an online gathering, hosted by Tony Vino with a live cooking demo from Bec Chow. Alongside that we set up a Just Giving to continue fundraising for the project. Our Just Giving raised over £1500. For May we had a Zoom family party games get together and launched another fundraiser this time raising £664.

In June we did a zoom gathering with Lynda Sterling running a family craft workshop. At July's gathering we had Louise from 'Simply Singing' running singing rounds, warm ups and tongue twisters alongside another Just Giving netting £420.

In August Janet ran a Big Breakfast fundraiser table on the OT Jumble Trail. The pandemic was dragging on and we wanted to get more creative in fundraising as well as look at a sustainable ongoing income if we found ourselves unable to host the live event for some time. Therefore in September we began the initiative to produce a Big Breakfast cookbook with recipes donated by supporters and Old Trafford residents to reflect the diversity of the area.

In October we put out to our supporters to provide new clothing to be supplied to be given out at the St Bride's Project.

For November we had another online gathering and a Just Giving fundraiser alongside this time raising £2115.

We produced a Big Breakfast fair trade tea towel, design by Stanley Chow. We printed 100, which sold instantly at £10 on thebigbreakfast.bigcartel.com

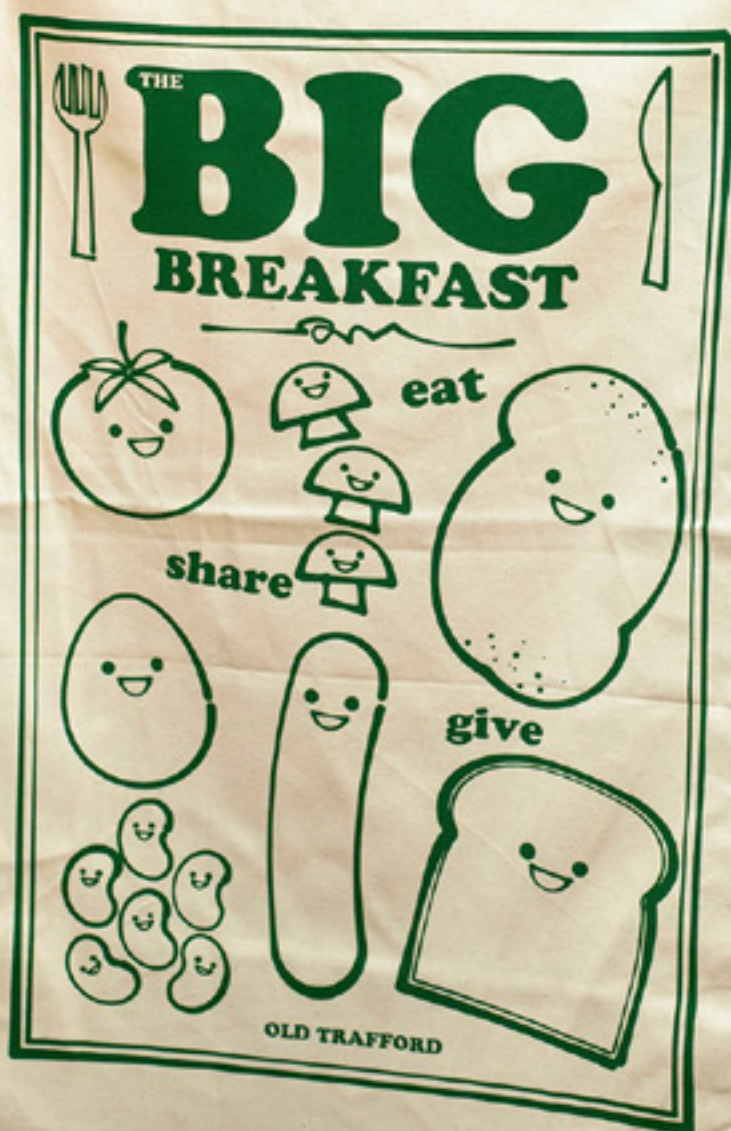
Crowdfunder for cookbook was launched in earnest in November 2020 and we managed to raise £8,780 (+ est. £1757.75 giftaid) which was enough to fund the design and printing of the cookbook which will be released in 2021. Check out the video youtu.be/IM3I3MQpeug

A local artist and BB Supporter Ana Lucia Cuevas designed and produced and sold posters donating profits going to The Destitution project.

Sharon Church gracefully offered to host a paired down coffee and cake breakfast back in the Autumn, covid safe under the Tier system but as we got closer to the event the logistics and viral safety issues meant we cancelled. We are committed to bringing back the live gathering at St Bride's as soon as possible.

Big thanks to all our amazing supporters, volunteers and steering group. Special mention to Bec Chow who has been pioneering the CookBook and tea towels, Stanley Chow for his design support on the tea towels, Mishka our cookbook designer, and as always the continued leadership and support from Jo, Will, Alys, Louise, Ian, Janet, Grace, Mark and so many more.

Tony Vino, Founder of The Big Breakfast



Bizzy B's

As for so many, it has been an unusual year for Bizzy B's! At the start of 2020 Bizzy B's was thriving, serving our community of Old Trafford parents and carers by meeting at St. Brides church to connect and spend time together.

As the pandemic of Covid-19 prevented us from meeting in person, Bizzy B's moved onto Zoom and met online on a Friday morning. We would play games, share arts and crafts, read a story, sing songs and give time for each child to show and tell something that they wanted to share with the group.

In September 2020 our older Bizzy B's children moved on to school and nursery and people were tiring on meeting online as the pandemic continued to prevent us from meeting in person. There wasn't an uptake for our Zoom meetings, so Bizzy B's has been in a state of pause!

In January 2021 we were all set to launch a small Baby B's group for new parents, but as the country went back into lockdown and Covid case numbers were very high in the area we put the new group on pause.

The good news is that the roadmap to being able to gather again in person is becoming clearer and we would love to find a way to restart Bizzy B's outside in the Summer months and hopefully, eventually back in the church building.

Charlotte Bushell (who attends Ivy Church) leads Bizzy B's with faithful members of St Bride's helping run the group - Linda Penrose, Clare Myring, Barbara S and Penny Matthews. We look forward to rebuilding this team and growing again a committed core team of parent/carer volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please do get in touch!

Charlotte Bushell, Bizzy B's Lead

Church Weekend Away at Scargill

A good time was had at St Bride's Church weekend away at Scargill House in North Yorkshire in March 2020. It was the last bit of normality we had before everything changed because of the Covid pandemic, although already some people were self-isolating and were unable to come, including Peter, Penny, Doug, Viv and Rob, so our leadership missed out. A total of 50 of us went, which included 13 children 12 or under, and 5 young people 13-16.

Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves over the weekend. New friendships were made and old ones strengthened. People relaxed as time went on, and the children obviously felt at home as they played together. They also appeared to really enjoy the sessions held for them while the adults were meeting. The theme for the weekend was 'Community'. We had 3 teaching sessions for the adults, led by Phil Stone which were well attended and thought provoking.

The food was good and the Scargill kitchen attempted fairly successfully to cater for the special diets. Saturday evening we got together for 'St. Bride's Got Talent Version 2' where yet again a variety of talents were displayed!

★ BRIDES' GOT Talent



