

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. WILFRID, MOBBERLEY

England & Wales - Charity number 1146680

Details

Other names	ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MOBBERLEY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-03-29
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: The charity is the Parochial Church Council which meets six times a year to discuss matters concerning church services, outreach and mission, events both for fellowship and fund raising, maintenance of the church and graveyards, potential alterations to the church and finally financial matters.

Classification

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

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£134,088	£164,276	-	-
2024-12-31	£87,068	£108,120	-	-
2023-12-31	£91,190	£135,522	-	-
2022-12-31	£103,057	£134,593	-	-
2021-12-31	£86,182	£350,931	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev. Canon IAN BLAY	Chair	2012-02-16
ANN GRAINGER		2017-04-30
Bridget Knight		2021-04-18
COLIN NEIL WHITELEY		2012-02-16
Carole Ruth Critchley		2015-04-12
DAVID FENTON BLEAKLEY		2026-04-28
Geoffrey Raymond Britland		2025-04-13
His Honour Judge TIMOTHY JAMES MORT		2012-02-16
JEAN UNDERHILL		2012-02-16
JO-ANN DONNA RAYNE HENNERLEY		2025-04-13
JOHN PAUL HENNERLEY		2012-02-16
JOHN WILLIAM GRAINGER		2012-02-16
LINDA RUSHTON		2018-01-01
Paul Aubrey Urquhart Thomson		2024-04-21

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Sunday 26th April 2026



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Church Wardens Report - Church Life

Where has the year gone, we have had new heating system installed and what a difference it makes. Thank you to John G and John H sorting it out they did a brilliant job. We are still waiting for Cheshire East to complete the project.

We held a Christmas Tree Festival this year and what a wonderful display it was. It was a great success and thanks to Bridget Knight for the organisation and every that helped over the weekend with teas and coffees and of course delicious cake. All proceeds to our heating bill.

Thank you also to Paul Thompson who held a Bike ride which was well supported. Apart from getting lost all those who took part enjoyed themselves. Money raised also to the heating system

Joy Parkes organised a Ceilidh at the Victory Hall which was very well attended. Thank you Joy and Baz also for the heating.

Thanks go to all Ian and all the members of the PCC and many others members of the Church, who are on committees that revolve round the PCC also to Sides people, Verger, Readers, Flower Arrangers and brass polishers all important jobs.

Thank you for all who have supported our Church, may you continue.

Carole Critchley and John Hennerley Church Wardens

PCC Report - Ann Grainger

The PCC met on six occasions with an average attendance of 77%.
At the 2025 APCM John Hennerley and Carole Critchley were elected as Churchwardens.
Ray Britland and Jo-Ann Hennerley were re-elected to the PCC.
At the May PCC meeting the following officers were appointed:

Vice Chair: John Grainger
Secretary: Ann Grainger
Treasurer: Jean Underhill
Assistant Treasurer: John Grainger
Electoral Roll Officer: Linda Rushton
Health and Safety Officer: Carole Critchley
Envelope Secretary: Jean Underhill
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Tim Mort

Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Bridget Knight
Flag Officer: Neil Rowland

PCC Representatives:

PCC Standing Committee- Ray Britland and Vanessa France
Mobberley Trust - Ian Blay, Tim Mort
Deanery Synod - John Grainger, Jean Underhill and Carole Critchley
Friends of St. Wilfrid- Bridget Knight and Tim Mort
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School Governor - Val Baker
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The majority of PCC members have completed their required Safeguarding Training, and Tim Mort and Bridget Knight have been working conscientiously to ensure we stay up to date with all the procedures introduced.

The installation of the new heating system has been a major project and the PCC owe a great debt of thanks to John Hennerley and John Grainger, for the many meetings, discussions, time and effort that have gone into seeing this through. We are all the warmer for their success.

The new heating has also had an impact on our finances. We are grateful to the Friends of St Wilfrid for their support to enable the timely payment of our bills.

During the months of June to August Ian was on Sabbatical, so the running of the church mostly fell on the shoulders of John Hennerley and Carole Critchley, John Grainger and Jean Underhill. Our thanks are due to them for the smooth running of our services, with no major issues.

Since the last APCM we have had a Quinquennial Inspection. There were only one or two items which needed to be addressed and these have been mostly resolved.

I am pleased to report that the potholes at the edge of the road have now been filled, so this is an important Health & Safety issue that has been resolved.

I would like to thank all members of the PCC who have given their time and expertise in the care and maintenance of our church community over the past year. Inevitably the same few names keep cropping up of those who are doing the work. I would ask all our congregation members to be ready and willing to take on any small tasks that might arise, to maintain our church family, building and our mission to the wider community. Just ask. Thank you.

Ann Grainger - PCC Secretary

Report of the Electoral Roll Officer - Linda Rushton

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Safe Guarding Report - Tim Mort/Bridget Knight

There were no incidents reported this year. There are no cases or attendance agreements currently being managed.

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Insurance cover for all activities undertaken in the name of the PCC which involve children, young people and vulnerable adults.

2.2 DBS checks

Our clergy, church officers and members of the PCC have been DBS checked as have those specifically engaged in parish work with children and vulnerable adults. We will shortly have several new members of the PCC whose DBS status will be checked

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All of our PCC members have completed the modules "Basic Awareness", "Safeguarding Foundation", and "Raising awareness of domestic abuse". Completion of these modules by our Rector, Reader, and Pastoral Worker is managed by the Diocese.

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We as a parish are required to comply with such modules and our compliance can be monitored by green lights indicating high levels of compliance, amber lights for medium compliance and red lights for low compliance.

Our current compliance level is affected by the fact that various tasks are shortly to fall due and these will be addressed within the next few weeks. Once these steps have been taken our compliance level will be substantially increased.

The Rector has also spent time with us learning and understanding how the system works and he now is very familiar with it.

Our next stage is to explain the workings of the dashboard to the other members of the PCC in more detail.

2.5 Diocesan safeguarding training

Bridget and I have attended various Diocesan safeguarding training and networking courses over the past 12 months

3. Actions to be completed in next 12 month

3.1 Members of the PCC to be introduced to the workings of the parish dashboard in more detail and a specific issue for dashboard compliance to be discussed at each PCC meeting

Tim Mort/Bridget Knight Safeguarding

Faith & Worship Group Report - Ann Grainger

The Faith & Worship group have met once this year. We have maintained our usual watching brief on our service formats and decided to combine the Nativity and Christingle Services, as we felt it unlikely that young people would attend both. We would like to find ways to involve more young people in our services, but attendance is very sporadic. For a few months we did have Christopher and his brother Noel who were keen to be involved with the music, but since Christopher began a job that has fallen by the wayside.

We have kept up the practise of having baptisms within a family service and it has been a pleasure to the regular congregation to see new members of our church. Hopefully they will in time return.

Ann Grainger
Convener, Faith and Worship group

Finance Committee Report for year ending 31st December 2025.

A01	Standing Orders	20265.00	The lack of central heating between October 2024 and November 25 has resulted in a reduction in those attending church services, and contributions on the plate have reduced accordingly, however standings orders have increased so that the overall total for the year remained similar to last year. Digital Giving has once again doubled, with contributions received from services at The Beacon decreasing slightly. The total donated on Gift Day was comparable to last year. We have received a generous donation in memory of Pam Savage and a number of other generous donations, some of which were specifically donated towards replacement of the heating system, together with £39,251.39 donated by The Friends of St. Wilfrid, again towards replacing the heating system, all of which we are very grateful for. Fees for weddings and funerals are similar to last year. Once again there have been a number of successful and enjoyable church events and our thanks go to those who gave their time and effort in organising and supporting these. Thanks also go to the Wilmslow half marathon committee for their donation. A grant towards the upkeep of the graveyards from Mobberley Parish Council was received in 2026 and as such is not reflected in the 2025 account. Our thanks once again go to Ray Britland Contractors who gave their services in keeping the grass cut and also to Mike Boalch for tidying the graveyards during the year. The PCC took the decision not to pay the Parish Share in full, and withdrew £60,000 from the Mode Cottage fund towards the cost of replacing the heating system. The interest from our Mode Cottage investments remains a vital steady source of income as does the amount reclaimed from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid.
A02	Gift Aid at services	8141.70	
A03	Cash at services/coffee/alms	3405.11	
A04	Cash — Services @ The Beacon	665.00	
A05	Cash — Sale of magazine	338.50	
A06	Gift Aid - Gift Day/General	2405.00	
A07	Cash - Gift Day/General	75.00	
A08	Fees Weddings/Funerals	17431.00	
A09	Digital Giving	2328.23	
A10	Church Events	3491.50	
All	Interest from investments	9208.54	
A12	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	9530.42	
A14	Sponsorship/Grants/Donations	2619.00	
A16	The Beacon	<u>2318.00</u>	
Total		<u>82222.00</u>	
Capital Receipts			
CO1	Grants/Donations/Legacies/Restricted	2010.00	
C02	Grants/Donations/Legacies *Unrestricted	10605.00	
C03	Friends Donations	39251.39	
Total		<u>51 866.39</u>	
Transfers from Mode Cottage Fund			
PCC Account - Payments			
B01	Candles/wine/bread/baptism	285.71	
B02	Literature/envelopes/website	365.29	
B03	Messy Church/Youth Club	598.14	
	Donations to charities	570.00	
B05	Fees to Chester DBF	5270.00	
B06	Parish Share	48000.00	
B07	Organ/Organist/Visiting Organist fees	5120.00	
B08	Visiting Clergy Fees	686.75	
B09	Honorarium at weddings/funerals	3880.00	
B10	Rectors expenses	371.65	
B11	Pastoral Worker expenses	1037.70	
B12	PCC expenses	60.00	
B13	Church costs — gas/electricity/water	4158.28	
B14	Church insurance	5794.64	
815	Churchyard maintenance	14.49	
B16	Rectory — Council tax/water/repairs	4512.73	
B17	Licences/Deanery subs./other subs.	973.69	
B18	Rent to National Trust	56.14	
B19	Cost of events/hire costs etc.	238.94	
B20	Cost of refreshments	0.00	
B21	Cost of flowers	79.60	
B22	Cost of courses	0.00	

Jean Underhill - Treasurer.

B25	The Beacon	<u>4172.70</u>
Total		<u>93430.09</u>
Capital Payments		
DOI	Church	65799.81
D02	Churchyard	3026.00
003	The Beacon	<u>2020.00</u>
Total Payments		<u>70 845.81</u>

Cheque issued but not cleared £446

	Balance	Balance
	31/12/2025	31/12/202
		4
NatWest Account	<u>38 426.24</u>	<u>8 613.75</u>
Balance £	<u>38 426.24</u>	<u>8 613.75</u>

Mode Cottage Fund	Balance	Balance
	31/12/2025	31/12/202
		4
CCLA Investment	51,394.90	74,033.80
CCLA Global Equity	41,771.01	85,147.85
St. James ^t Place Unit Trust	<u>171 530.41</u>	<u>149</u>
		<u>176.25</u>
Value £	<u>264696.32</u>	<u>308357.9</u>
		<u>0</u>

The Beacon, 30 Town Lane, Mobberley owned by Mobberley PCC - notional value £200,000.00

Prepared by Jean Underhill January 2026

Jean Underhill

Deborah Hinson Independent Examiner

Deborah Hinson

11/2/26

Mobberley Church of England Primary School - annual report year ending March 2025

It's a pleasure to start this year's report with news of the long awaited Ofsted Inspection which took place during the Autumn Term. The school was last inspected in 2012 since when the Inspection framework has changed significantly. Although there is no longer an overall grade for Inspections, a few of the key findings from the recent Inspection include the following:

- The school is aspirational for all pupils to achieve success.
- Pupils are happy and proud to attend this school.
- Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They are kind and caring.
- Pupils of all ages treat one another respectfully and say that all are welcome at this school. They embrace diversity.
- Staff are passionate about education beyond academic achievement and pupils benefit from the school's high expectations and well-thought out curriculum.
- The school and those responsible for Governance are committed to ensuring that all pupils benefit from a high-quality education.

This is a glowing validation of the work that goes on in the school everyday and our thanks go to Mr Stenson and his entire staff for their dedication, professionalism, quality of teaching and care shown to every pupil in the school.

Inspections are coming thick and fast as the next SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection is due in the summer term. This will be a chance for the school to show that **“Through our vision and practice, Mobberley School is living up to it's foundation as a Church School and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish”**.

As most of you will be aware, the school has benefitted enormously from 25 years of dedicated service from our Chair of Governors, Helen Mountney. Helen's commitment to the school has been exemplary and I know I speak for all Governors and staff when I say that it has been a privilege to work alongside her and she will be sadly missed as she steps away. We welcome Natalie Phillips into the role of Chair and wish her well in her new role.

Throughout the academic year, pupils (and staff) have fully embraced the many activities, trips, sporting events and theme days which have included: World Book Day, Red Nose Day, neurodiversity week, World Thinking day, trips to the Museum of Science and Industry, Chester Grosvenor Museum, the Year 6 residential to Robin Wood plus visits from Mr Johnston (pilot) and a Magistrate to talk about their jobs. In addition, the PTA have once again raised much needed funds through a range of events including discos, Fairs and pre-loved book sales.

As the summer term begins, Year 6 children will be preparing for SATs tests and we wish them well in their assessments. It will also be a wonderfully busy term of activities including the sports day, school trips, the Year 6 summer show and the Leavers service.

Finally, there are a small number of places available in Reception class for this September so please do let family or friends know if they are looking for a place in our wonderful village school. They can contact the school directly (Tel: 01625 800 920; email: admin@mobberley.cheshire.sch.uk).

Dr Valerie Baker
Foundation Governor

Youth Report - John Hennerley

Let me begin with a big thank you as I do each year, to everyone involved within our youth ministry. Believe me when I say this is heartfelt and said with real appreciation for the time and skill given freely by all the volunteers who help teaching and looking after our youth. This year as last, has seen a steady growth of our youth club. We have a brilliant variety of activities available including air hockey, a pool table, games consoles'

and now we even have a basketball hoop, not to forget football outside, weather permitting. There is also a full tuck shop including drinks and sweets. if you have the inclination to see yourself wanting to help out or get involved in anyway please do let me know.

Last year I had the opportunity to walk in Reverend Cannon Blay's shoes at Mobberley Primary school, for the 3 months he was on sabbatical, by taking the Wednesday school assembly's. This was a fantastic experience which hopefully I may be involved with again sometime in the future. Being able to talk to so many young people at one time and passing on the message of Jesus and the love he has for us was truly unforgettable. My thanks go out to Mr Stenson and all the teachers who accommodated me and allowed me to be there.

Back to the beacon we also have a healthy parents and toddler group with is held every Monday morning 10 till 12. This is well attended with many regulars and is a great opportunity for your little ones to meet and play with others including a great chance to meet other parents and Grandparents. Again the church Nativity was run and produced by the youth club, with a puppet show and a return guest appearance by Elvis. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps out looking after our children within all our church activities. Especially my wife Jo-Ann Hennerley who without her help and support the landscape would be so very different, thank you.

This past year has been a privilege to work with all the leaders and helpers, whom give their time so readily to make sure our ministry and the word of Jesus Christ reaches as many children and families as possible. Let us remember that the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is the gift for us all to share. I end this report expressing all my thanks for everyone's help and time given.

THANK YOU ALL

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

Take Care and God Bless

John Hennerley

Youth Leader.

Beacon Report

No Report

Deanery Synod

No Report

Fabric Committee - Rev Ian Blay

No Report

Rectors Report - Ian Blay

“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.”

John 15:16

I expect that by now you will all have received the news that I shall be retiring at the end of July this year at which point Suzanne, Brad and I will be moving, initially at least, to Knutsford. I know that a few of you have been worried about my health but I would like to assure you that I am perfectly well (so far as I know) and health played no part in my decision

The decision to leave has not been an easy one, we have been in Mobberley for 21 years and it is the only home that Brad has ever known, but I think the time is right both for myself and for the church here. We have faced many challenges together over the last 20 years and it is typical in a way that my time here should be bookended by two major building issues. Back in 2005 it was the Disability Discrimination Act which led to us increasing the lighting, widening of the cross aisle on the north side and installing the sound system. This last year has seen the introduction of the new heating system which has been expensive but well worth it, I have never known the building so warm. We have seen also the removal of the old pipe organ which had come to the end of its life and the installation of the toilet and the coffee station.

Mirroring much of the rest of the Church of England we have seen a gradual decline in our Sunday congregation which is, needless to say, disappointing however we have also seen an increase in congregations at some of our irregular services such as Remembrance Sunday and our Crib Services.

During the last couple of decades, we have also been blessed with those serving in licensed lay ministries. We have had two Readers in that time, Michelle Goodridge and John Grainger, and supported Jean Underhill in becoming our Pastoral Worker and John Hennerley in his youth ministry role. I have been immensely grateful to everyone who has served as Churchwarden during my tenure here as well as all those who have served as Church Treasurer, PCC Secretary, PCC members and Sidesmen and women.

It is an old cliché that the Church is the people and never is that more evidenced, I think, than when a Vicar leaves a parish because, whilst we go, the Church continues in this place. It continues to praise, to witness, to minister and to serve and it is you who will continue to do that over the coming months.

Please be kind and supportive towards those carrying the heaviest loads over the rest of this year. It may be that there will have to be changes to the pattern and frequency of services, it may be that things won't quite look the same, but don't worry, all will be well.

As ever there is a long list of people to thank and many of our people fulfil more than one role so please don't be disappointed if I don't list all your functions, please accept the following as a thank you for all that you do.

I must begin with our Churchwardens, John Hennerley and Carole Critchley. John and Carole do a huge amount behind the scenes, often meeting visitors, trades people, utilities workers and the rest. I usually mention people according to role but there are a couple of people who work tirelessly across numerous roles that need recognising, and those people are Jean Underhill and John G. Jean is our Pastoral Worker, PCC Treasurer, and Baptism Coordinator. John is our Reader but also is a mainstay of the Finance Committee and the Building's Committee, was the driving force behind The Beacon as well as overseeing the new heating system in church.

Thank you to all the current PCC members for undertaking your training and your service on the various PCC committees and groups. Thank you to the Committee convenors and also to Tim Mort and Bridget Knight for their essential work in Safeguarding.

I would like to thank David and all the Choir for their contribution to our services over the last 12 months and filling the church with beautiful music. My thanks also to the bellringers for their contribution in calling people to worship; to our readers and those on the flower and coffee rotas. We are running desperately short of both readers and sidesmen and women so if you would be interested in either role please speak to Ann Grainger.

Our mission at The Beacon continues with the Youth Group, Parents and Tots, Wednesday Film Matinees, and Men's Breakfast. We are looking to expand what we do yet further so if you have any ideas for new mission from The Beacon please speak to John Hennerley.

My thanks to Mike and Celia Boalch for all the work they do in keeping the graveyard neat and tidy, thanks are also due to our Flag Captain, Neil Rowland, who has also done a lot to keep the tower bird, and bird mess, free. Thanks also to Sarah Baron who continues in her role as Flower Organiser. Thank you to everybody who helps decorate the church for Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

A number of our church family have passed into glory, we remember with love and affection Sue Smith, Mary Shaw and Joan Moore. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, good and faithful servants of our Lord. We also keep their families in our thoughts and prayers as they cope with their loss.

Thank you to those who represent the church on the various affiliated bodies, particular thanks to Val Baker who, after 8 years, has stepped down as School Governor, we have an excellent replacement lined up who we shall appoint at our next PCC meeting. Thanks to Tim Mort on the Mobberley Trust and the Friends of St. Wilfrid's.

As ever, if I have missed anybody out above please accept my apologies and be assured that as a co-worker with God nothing that we do in the name of his Son is ever ignored, dismissed or forgotten.

Rev. Canon Ian Blay

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This year we have our 5 yearly Qiunnquenil. Our Architect is Mark Pearce and this is being done on the 24th April 2025.

There have been a few events during the year in June we had a concert, in July we had our Afternoon Tea in the Rectory Garden. but the one that stands out was the talk on Mallory which was well attended and a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you for all who have supported our Church, may you continue.

Carole Critchley and John Hennerley Church Wardens

PCC Report - Ann Grainger

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Carole Critchley was elected in place of Pam Smith as Deanery Synod representative for the remainder of the 3-year term. remain as the other 2 representatives.

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The majority of PCC members have completed their required Safeguarding Training. We have recently begun using the new Diocese dashboard facility, which highlights any safeguarding issues which require attention.

Once again we have concern for the gulf between our income and expenses, the majority of which is payment of our Parish Share, set by the Diocese. At our July meeting the PCC voted to reduce the amount of Parish Share we pay, to reflect our income.

Last September our heating system developed a major leak, and on inspection the whole system was deemed unrepairable. Much time and effort, particularly by John Hennerley and John Grainger, has gone into finding the best solution to this problem, and we are now at the stage of waiting Diocesan permission to begin work.

Another recurring topic at our meetings has been the state of repair at the edge of the road leading to church. Unfortunately, this has not been resolved, as 'ownership' of the tarmacked area outside the lychgate is disputed by Cheshire East Council.

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amber lights for medium compliance and red lights for low compliance.

Our current compliance level is rated at 64% (08/04/2025) . we have several routine risk assessments to review and our safeguarding team are due to attend further mandatory courses in the near future . Once these steps have been taken our compliance level will be substantially increased. Bridget has now attended several courses relating to the Diocesan dashboard and I have attended one. The Rector has also spent time with us learning and explaining how the system works and he now is very familiar with it.

Our next stage is to explain the workings of the dashboard to the other members of the PCC in more detail.

3. Actions to be completed in next 12 months

3.1 Members of the safeguarding team to attend courses on safer recruitment and

safeguarding
leadership

3.2 Members of the PCC to be introduced to the workings of the parish dashboard in more detail and a specific issue for dashboard compliance to be discussed at each PCC meeting

Tim Mort/Bridget Knight Safeguarding

Faith & Worship Group Report - Ann Grainger

The Faith & Worship group have met twice this year. We have maintained our watching brief on our service formats but deemed that, in general, no changes were necessary. One recommendation made to the PCC was that baptisms should in future be held during a family service and not as a stand-alone service, in accordance with canon law. The PCC subsequently accepted this recommendation.

Ann Grainger
Convener, Faith and Worship group

Finance Committee Report for year ending 31st December 2024.

Despite the lack of central heating since October and the resulting reduction in those attending church services, contributions on the plate have remained similar to those of last year. Digital Giving has doubled, and contributions received from services at The Beacon have increased slightly. The total donated on Gift Day decreased, however as a result of a generous donation in memory of David Evans and a number of other donations in memory of loved ones, for which we are very grateful, overall donations increased. There has been an increase in church funerals but a decrease in church weddings resulting in an overall reduction in fees. Once again there have been a number of successful and enjoyable church events and our thanks go to those who gave their time and effort in organising and supporting these. Thanks also go to the Wilmslow half marathon committee for their donation. A grant towards the upkeep of the graveyards was received from Mobberley Parish Council, and Ray Britland Contractors once again gave their services in keeping the grass cut, we are very grateful for this support and also to Mike Boalch for tidying the graveyards during the year.

Due to a decrease in income the PCC took the decision not to pay the Parish Share in full, however despite this decision the PCC Accounts show a year end deficit of £21,052.28. As a result of not withdrawing funds from the Mode Cottage Fund the balance has increased by £19,990. The interest from our Mode Cottage investments remains a vital steady source of income as does the amount reclaimed from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid.

Jean Underhill for the Finance Committee.

Mobberley PCC Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2024

PCC Account— Receipts	
AOI Standing Orders	18670.0
	0

A02	Gift Aid at services	9753
		.50
A03	Cash at	4545
	services/coffee/alms	.14
A04	Cash — Services @	838
	The Beacon	.00
A05	Cash — Sale of	338
	magazine	.00
A06	Gift Aid - Gift	2400
	Day/General	.00
A07	Cash - Gift	145
	Day/General	.00
A08	Fees	17246.0
	Weddings/Funerals	0
A09	Digital Giving	1067
		.50
A10	Church Events	3328
		.00
All	Interest from	8432
	investments	.28
A12	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	9352
		.09
A13	Rectory costs refunded	0.
		0
		0
A 14	Sponsorship/Grants	8635
		.00
A15	Grant DBF/Crem. Grant	0.
		0
		0
A16	The Beacon	<u>2317</u>
		.20
Total		<u>87067.7</u>
		<u>1</u>
Capital Receipts		
CO1		0.
		0
Grants/Donations/Legacies/Re		0
stricted		
C02	Grants/Donations/Legacies	0.
[Unrestricted		0
		0
C03	Friends Donations	0.
		0
		0
C04	Tax Reclaimed	0.
		0
		0
cos	The Beacon	<u>0.</u>
		<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>
Total		<u>0.</u>
		<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>
PCC Account - Payments		

B0	Candles/wine/	302
1	bread/baptism	.55
B0	Literature/	379
2	envelopes/website	.87
B0	Messy Church/Youth	814
3	Club	.56
B0	Donations to	600
4	charities	.00
B0	Fees to Chester DBF	5176
5		.00
B0	Parish Share	62847.8
6		4
B0	Organ/Organist/	5080
7	Visiting Organist fees	.00
B0	Visiting Clergy Fees	396
8		.80
B0	Honorarium at	3690
9	weddings/funerals	.00
B1	Rectors expenses	1868
O		.04
Bli	Pastoral Worker	898
	expenses	.65
B1	PCC expenses	50.
2		00
B1	Church costs —	3932
3	gas/electricity/water	.00
81	Church insurance	5731
4		.16
B1	Churchyard	0.
5	maintenance	0
		0
B1	Rectory — Council	4243
6	tax/water/repairs	.67
B1	Licences/Deanery	1175
7	subs./other subs.	.37
B1	Rent to National	56.
8	Trust	14
B1	Cost of events/hire	150
9	costs etc.	.00
B2	Cost of refreshments	0.
0		0
		0
B2	Cost of flowers	60.
1		00
B2	Cost of courses	0.
2		0
		0
B23	Church maintenance	4458.
		63
B24	Church Broadband/Screen	940.32
B25	The Beacon	<u>5268.</u>
		<u>39</u>
Total		<u>108119.</u>
Capital Payments		<u>99</u>

DOI	Church	0.00
D02	Churchyard	0.00
D03	The Beacon	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>108</u>
		<u>119.99</u>
<u>Deficit for the year</u>		<u>21</u>
		<u>052.28</u>
Cheque issued but not cleared £979.60		

	Balance 31/12/2024	Bal anc e 31/12/2023
NatWest Account	<u>8</u>	<u>29 216.03</u>
	<u>613.75</u>	
Balance £	<u>8</u>	<u>29 216.03</u>
	<u>613.75</u>	

	Balance 31/12/2024	Bal anc e 31/12/2023
Mode Cottage Fund		
CCLA Investment	74,033. 80	72,377.20
CCLA Global Equity	85,147. 85	80,132.30
St. James' Place Unit Trust	<u>149</u>	<u>135 858.00</u>
	<u>176.25</u>	
	<u>308</u>	<u>288 367.50</u>
	<u>357.90</u>	

The Beacon, 30 Town Lane, Mobberley owned by Mobberley PCC - notional value
£200,000.00

Prepared by Jean Underhill January 2025

 Jean Underhill

Deborah Hinson Independent Examiner

 21/2/25

**Mobberley Church of England Primary School - annual report year ending
March 2025**

It's a pleasure to start this years' report with news of the long awaited Ofsted Inspection which took place during the Autumn Term. The school was last inspected in 2012 since when the Inspection framework has changed significantly. Although there is no longer an

overall grade for Inspections, a few of the key findings from the recent Inspection include the following:

- The school is aspirational for all pupils to achieve success.
- Pupils are happy and proud to attend this school.
- Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. They are kind and caring.
- Pupils of all ages treat one another respectfully and say that all are welcome at this school. They embrace diversity.
- Staff are passionate about education beyond academic achievement and pupils benefit from the school's high expectations and well-thought out curriculum.
- The school and those responsible for Governance are committed to ensuring that all pupils benefit from a high-quality education.

This is a glowing validation of the work that goes on in the school everyday and our thanks go to Mr Stenson and his entire staff for their dedication, professionalism, quality of teaching and care shown to every pupil in the school.

Inspections are coming thick and fast as the next SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection is due in the summer term. This will be a chance for the school to show that **“Through our vision and practice, Mobberley School is living up to it's foundation as a Church School and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish”**.

As most of you will be aware, the school has benefitted enormously from 25 years of dedicated service from our Chair of Governors, Helen Mountney. Helen's commitment to the school has been exemplary and I know I speak for all Governors and staff when I say that it has been a privilege to work alongside her and she will be sadly missed as she steps away. We welcome Natalie Phillips into the role of Chair and wish her well in her new role.

Throughout the academic year, pupils (and staff) have fully embraced the many activities, trips, sporting events and theme days which have included: World Book Day, Red Nose Day, neurodiversity week, World Thinking day, trips to the Museum of Science and Industry, Chester Grosvenor Museum, the Year 6 residential to Robin Wood plus visits from Mr Johnston (pilot) and a Magistrate to talk about their jobs. In addition, the PTA have once again raised much needed funds through a range of events including discos, Fairs and pre-loved book sales.

As the summer term begins, Year 6 children will be preparing for SATs tests and we wish them well in their assessments. It will also be a wonderfully busy term of activities including the sports day, school trips, the Year 6 summer show and the Leavers service.

Finally, there are a small number of places available in Reception class for this September so please do let family or friends know if they are looking for a place in our wonderful village school. They can contact the school directly (Tel: 01625 800 920; email: admin@mobberley.cheshire.sch.uk).

Dr Valerie Baker
Foundation Governor

Youth Report - John Hennerley

Let me begin with a big thank you to everyone involved within our youth ministry this past year. This year as last, has seen a steady growth of our youth club at the Beacon even though we have had to raise the starting age to nine years. This was to enable us to make sure every child was still supervised and safe with the reduced number of volunteers we have available. The youth club has a brilliant variety of activities available including air hockey, a pool table, games consoles' and now we even have a basketball hoop, not to forget football outside with nets. There is also a full tuck shop including drinks and sweets. At this time last year was asking for volunteers to help out within the

youth club but at the moment we are lucky enough to have a full complement of volunteers. with this said if you have the inclination to see yourself wanting to help out please do let me know, and I'm sure we could still accommodate you. We also have a healthy parents and toddler group with is held every Monday morning 10 till 12. This is well attended with many regulars and is a great opportunity for your little ones to meet and play with others including a great chance to meet other Parents, Grandparents. Again the church Nativity was run and produced by the youth club, with a puppet show and a guest appearance by Elvis. I thank all those involved Especially Christopher Mountford Booth who sang a song with him also playing his guitar. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps out looking after our children within all our church activities. Especially my wife Jo-ann Hennerley who without her help and support the landscape would be so very different, thank you.

This past year has been a privilege to work with all the leaders and helpers whom give their time so readily to make sure our ministry and the word of Jesus Christ reaches as many children and families as possible Let us remember that the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is the gift for us all to share. I end this report expressing all my thanks for everyone's help and time given.

THANK YOU ALL

Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.

Take Care and God Bless

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Beacon Report - John Hennerley

The Beacon, our outreach hub in the centre of Mobberley, continues to be well supported with the youth club steadily growing in numbers, the parents and toddler group regularly attended and the Wednesday afternoon film club well received. We also hold a Wednesday morning communion service every week with tea and coffee afterwards.

Other activities include a Wednesday afternoon knit and natter group, a monthly men's breakfast and a Saturday morning drop in café which is open 10 till 2 pm.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all those who help in the volunteer staffing of the beacon, with special thanks to Jo-Ann Hennerley and John Grainger.

We are open to all who wish to meet friends, have a rest or just a hot drink and a friendly chat, I hope that more people will see us as a place of warmth and welcome. May I just add that we are here to help and support you our congregation. If I as one of your church wardens can help in anyway please do not hesitate to contact me, my number is available on the back of the church magazine.

Hope to see you soon, take care and God Bless.

John Hennerley
Church Warden

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Fabric Committee - Rev Ian Blay

Up until September of 2024 we were feeling quite pleased with ourselves as we had long completed all the work demanded by the last Quinquennial Report and were on top of most things. The only fly in the ointment at that point was the driveway, which was becoming badly damaged, particularly at the point where it meets the road. As the damage continued into the road itself we had tried to contact Cheshire East Highways but with little success but were still pursuing it.

Then, on the 29th September, the area in front of the north door turned into a steam room as a large crack opened in the heating pipe allowing hot water and steam to jet out. Every year for many years, when the heating system is turned on, we have had to get the heating engineers out to repair and replace heat seals but this time it was the

joint and pipe itself that had cracked. Our initial feeling was that this signified the end of the heating system, a feeling confirmed in meetings with the heating engineers, who refused to touch it, and the heating consultant who subsequently came to look at it. Although disappointing we recognise that the current system is most probably Victorian and will have done around 140 years' service.

October and November were taken up with attempts to get people to bodge a repair to get us through the winter but that proved unsuccessful and in December, guided by the Diocese we looked to John Book to look at the system and prepare a heating report. This he did and in that report outlined various possible options all of which sought to do the same things, which were to replace the boiler, replace the existing 4" pipes and system, to make the place warmer, and, if possible, make it cheaper to heat. Alongside these requirements the new system would have to meet the Church of England's environmental target of being Carbon Zero by the year 2030. The PCC agreed that we pursue the option for a near like-for-like flow and return system with additional Air Source Heat Pumps. This scheme went out for tender in February and at an Extraordinary Meeting of the PCC on the 16th March the PCC approved the scheme and the tender by JW Moore of £74192.

As well as devising the scheme Mr. Book is helping guide the scheme through DAC and, from what we have heard so far, we are hopeful for their approval. The scheme will also have to go to Cheshire East Council and that application will be made by our architect Mark Pearce.

We expect the total cost to be in the region of £85000.

Ian Blay Fabric

Rectors Report - Ian Blay

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

Ephesians 2:10

There is no doubting we have gone through some very difficult times. There was, of course, the Covid pandemic which caused all manner of confusion and difficulty and more recently we have had to go through a whole winter with no heating in the church building which has undoubtedly taken its toll on both regular but also occasional congregation members.

This means we have fewer members to fill critical roles in the life of the church here in Mobberley. For example, we have been carrying vacancies on the PCC for the last few years when, just a few years ago, we were having to hold elections because so many people wanted to stand. It also means that more work is falling on fewer and fewer shoulders, this can be discerned in the number of people that get repeated thanks in the rest of the report below. In reality most of the people below fulfil multiple, often critical, roles and responsibilities.

A role that has grown in importance over the last few years has been that of Safeguarding. Sadly, we have all seen the reports in the news over recent years of abuse that has taken place under the umbrella of the Church. Our own Diocese has not been immune with several historic and current cases coming to light. This has demanded a robust response from the Church at every level including parish, as you will see in this Annual Report. I am immensely proud of the way that our PCC members have responded, all have undertaken online Safeguarding Training as well as being DBS checked (CRB as was). Overseeing the checks and the training has been Tim Mort ably assisted by Bridget Knight. They have both put in a huge amount of work as you will see from the Safeguarding Report, and it hasn't always been easy. Safeguarding often

means asking the awkward and uncomfortable questions, it involves challenging longstanding and established practice, and they have done so diligently and calmly.

As ever there is a long list of people to thank and many of our people fulfil more than one role so please don't be disappointed if I don't list all your functions, please accept the following as a thank you for all that you do. I must begin with our Churchwardens, John Hennerley and Carole Critchley. John and Carole do a huge amount behind the scenes, often meeting visitors, trades people, utilities workers and the rest. Whilst John was up and down the tower helping with the siting of the relay system for the Wilmslow Half Marathon Carole has been busy working with our architect prior to our Quinquennial Inspection later this month.

I would like to thank our PCC treasurer and Secretary, Jean and Ann, for all they do in that capacity, and all our PCC members for all their work over the last year and, as mentioned above, for all they have done to support Safeguarding here at St. Wilfrid's.

I am immensely grateful to John Grainger our Reader, my thanks for all that you do. I also, of course, have to make thank Jean Underhill our Pastoral Worker who does so much to keep in touch with people in their times of sickness and keeping them involved in the life of the wider church as well as being our Baptism co-ordinator.

I would like to thank David and all the Choir for their contribution to our services over the last 12 months and filling the church with beautiful music.

My thanks to the bellringers for their contribution in calling people to worship. Speaking of worship thanks to all our Sidemen and Sideswomen, our readers and those on the flower and coffee rotas. We are running desperately short of both readers and sidesmen and women so if you would be interested in either role please speak to Ann Grainger. Our mission at The Beacon continues with the Youth Group, Parents and Tots, Wednesday Film Matinees, and Men's Breakfast. We are looking to expand what we do yet further so if you have any ideas for new mission from The Beacon please speak to John Hennerley or myself.

My thanks to Mike and Celia Boalch for all the work they do in keeping the graveyard neat and tidy, thanks are also due to our Flag Captain, Neil Rowland, who took over from Mike earlier this year. Thanks also to Sarah Baron who continues in her role as Flower Organiser. Thank you to everybody who helps decorate the church for Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

A number of our church family have passed into glory, we remember with love and affection Brenda Leech, Kaye Evans, Derek Trueman, Pam Savage, and Gwyneth Moores. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, good and faithful servants of our Lord. We also keep their families in our thoughts and prayers as they cope with their loss.

Thank you to those who represent the church on the various affiliated bodies, Val Baker our School Governor, Tim Mort on the Mobberley Trust, and those who represent the church on the Victory Hall TDC and the Friends of St. Wilfrid's.

Finally, a note of congratulations to our one-time Reader, the Rev. Michelle Goodrich, who will be installed as a Canon at Mampong Cathedral, Ghana, in May this year.

As ever, if I have missed anybody out above please accept my apologies and be assured that as a co-worker with God nothing that we do in the name of his Son is ever ignored, dismissed or forgotten.

Rev. Canon Ian Blay

Accounts

St Wilfrid's Church -
Mobberley
Annual Parochial Church
Meeting

Sunday 21st April 2024



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Church Wardens Report - Church Life

Welcome to this year's wardens report and although it's been a busy year for me I give thanks for the continued support to all those who know they have helped and possibly some that do not realise the important contribution they have made. Thanks also go to all who help with the running of our church including the PCC,

Sides people, Our Verger, Our Reader, Flower Arrangers and many, many others. Please forgive me for not listing everyone as the list is endless and you are all as important as each other, named or not. Although I guess I should also mention the Revd Ian Blay.

Throughout this past year there have been various repairs made in our church building including repairs made to our heating system. I.e. leaking pipes near the choir vestry, boiler repairs and also the replacement of our creaky floor near the north door. I also think the installation of the Christmas lights fixed above the nave for the festive season was very well received and a great idea. I have been massively supported by Carole Critchley who has continued to produce the side's person's rota's Thank you Carole so much.

The Beacon Report

The Beacon, our outreach into the centre of Mobberley continues to be supported by our youth club children the Wednesday morning communion service, men's breakfast, knit and natter group, parents and toddler group, film club and also the Thursday night study group. This is great to see but our drop in that runs on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings is not so well frequented. Please note that we are open from 10am to 2pm on these three days. We are open to all, who wish to just meet friends, have a rest or just a hot drink with a friendly chat. I hope that more people will find us as a place of welcome.

May I just add that I am here to help and support you our congregation, as your church warden and if there is anything you think I may be able to help with I am always here to listen and do my best to help. Just ask.

Take Care and God Bless

John Hennerley Church Warden.

PCC Report Ann Grainger

The PCC met on six occasions with an average attendance of 67%.

At the 2023 APCM John Hennerley was elected as Churchwarden. There were no nominations for a second churchwarden. Heather Walker was elected as a new member of the PCC and Ann Grainger, Tim Mort and Linda Rushton were re-elected to the PCC.

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Carole Critchley was elected in place of Pam Smith as Deanery Synod representative for the remainder of the 3-year term. John Grainger and Jean Underhill remain as the other 2 representatives.

At the May PCC meeting the following officers were appointed:

Vice Chair - John Grainger

Secretary - Ann Grainger

Treasurer -Jean Underhill

Assistant Treasurer - John Grainger

Electoral Roll Officer - Linda Rushton

Health and Safety Officer – Ann Grainger

Envelope Secretary – Jean Underhill

Parish Safeguarding Officer – Tim Mort

Flag Officer – Mike Boalch

PCC Representatives:

PCC Standing Committee– Linda Rushton and Heather Walker

Mobberley Trust – Ian Blay, Tim Mort

Friends of St. Wilfrid– Bridget Knight and Heather Walker

Victory Hall Committee – Carole Critchley, John Grainger

School Governor – Val Baker

Christian Aid – Celia Webb-Boalch

The majority of PCC members have completed their Basic Awareness Training. A second module - Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse – is now also required and members are gradually completing this. We have continued our efforts to have all members of the PCC, and others in the church in contact with the young or vulnerable individuals, to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked.

The major concern for the PCC this year continues to be the gulf between our income and expenses, the majority of which is payment of our Parish Share, set by the Diocese.

Another topic for discussion has been the Prayers of Love and Faith commended by the House of Bishops of the General Synod for use within services. This is deemed to be an issue which could cause major disruption within the Anglican Communion and therefore requires careful consideration.

I would like to thank all members of the PCC who have given their time and expertise in the care and maintenance of our church community over the past year.

Ann Grainger
PCC Secretary

Report of the Electoral Roll Officer – Linda Rushton

There are currently 113 names on the electoral roll. In 2023 - 121

Linda Rushton – Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Report 2023 Tim Mort

1. Incident Reporting

There were no incidents reported this year. There are no cases or attendance agreements currently being managed.

2. Actions completed

Safeguarding compliance

2.1 The following are safeguarding compliant in accordance with Diocesan standards and the requirements of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook:-

The parish website;

Notices displayed in the church and in the "Beacon" parish rooms;

The Good Practice guidelines for exercising pastoral care and working with children and vulnerable adults;

Procedures for dealing promptly with safeguarding allegations or suspicions of abuse;

Completion of "Activity risk assessments" for each activity associated with children or vulnerable adults and run in the name of the church;

The consideration of safeguarding as a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting;

Insurance cover for all activities undertaken in the name of the PCC which involve children, young people and vulnerable adults.

2.3 Module completions

Most of our PCC members have completed "Basic Awareness" and "Safeguarding Foundation" and some have completed "Raising awareness of domestic abuse"

Completion of these modules by our Rector, Reader, and Pastoral Worker is managed by the Diocese .

3. Actions to be completed in next 12 months

Members of the PCC to complete "Safeguarding foundation" and "Raising awareness of domestic abuse" modules.

Tim Mort
Safeguarding Officer

Faith & Worship Group Report - Ann Grainger

The Faith & Worship group have met twice this year.

There have not been any major areas of concern. As ever we have considered arrangements for special services within the church calendar. Also we have discussed what effect the introduction of our Family Service has made and how/if we can further improve attendance.

Ann Grainger
Convener, Faith and Worship group

Finance Committee Report for year ending 31st December 2023

2023 has seen an increase in contributions via standing order but a decrease in contributions received at church services. Contributions received from services at The Beacon have slightly increased as has income generated at the various activities held in The Beacon. There have been fewer funerals and weddings during the year resulting in a reduction in income received from fees. Once again there have been a number of successful and enjoyable church events and our thanks go to those who gave their time and effort in organising and supporting these events. Our thanks also go to those families who have made donations in

memory of a loved one and to the Wilmslow half marathon committee for their donation. A grant towards the upkeep of the graveyards was received from Mobberley Parish Council, and in addition to the volunteers, namely Celia and Mike Boach, Ray Britland once again gave his services in keeping the grass cut, we are very grateful for this support.

As a result of the reduction in income, and the decision to pay the Parish Share in full, the PCC agreed to transfer £40,000 from the Mode Cottage fund to top up the PCC account, this being £15,000 more than in 2022. However despite this, at the end of the year the Mode Cottage investments only showed a reduction of £9,921 on the previous year. The interest from our Mode Cottage investments remains a steady source of income as does the amount reclaimed from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid.

Mobberley PCC Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2023

PCC Account – Receipts

A01	Standing Orders	18104.00
A02	Gift Aid at services	9261.50
A03	Cash at services/coffee/alms	4603.53
A04	Cash – Services @ The Beacon	778.00
A05	Cash – Sale of magazine	345.00
A06	Gift Aid - Gift Day/General	3175.00
A07	Cash - Gift Day/General	135.00
A08	Fees Weddings/Funerals	22748.00
A09	Digital Giving	514.85
A10	Church Events	3339.58
A11	Interest from investments	9793.60
A12	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	9607.79
A13	Rectory costs refunded	0.00
A14	Sponsorship/Grants	6456.02
A15	Grant DBF/Crem. Grant	150.00
A16	The Beacon	<u>2178.00</u>
Total		<u>91189.87</u>

Capital Receipts

C01	Grants/Donations/Legacies/Restricted	0.00
C02	Grants/Donations/Legacies /Unrestricted	0.00
C03	Friends Donations	0.00
C04	Tax Reclaimed	0.00
C05	The Beacon	<u>0.00</u>
Total		<u>0.00</u>

PCC Account - Payments

B01	Candles/wine/bread/baptism	267.67
B02	Literature/envelopes/website	623.50
B03	Messy Church/Youth Club	554.07
B04	Donations to charities	3901.02
B05	Fees to Chester DBF	5690.00
B06	Parish Share	85425.00
B07	Organ/Organist/Visiting Organist fees	5030.00
B08	Visiting Clergy Fees	383.20
B09	Honorarium at weddings/funerals	5360.00
B10	Rectors expenses	1920.62
B11	Pastoral Worker expenses	975.90
B12	PCC expenses	89.00
B13	Church costs – gas/electricity/water	4961.27
B14	Church insurance	5398.20
B15	Churchyard maintenance	0.00
B16	Rectory – Council tax/water/repairs	4486.31

B17	Licences/Deanery subs./other subs.	956.28
B18	Rent to National Trust	56.14
B19	Cost of events/hire costs etc.	200.00
B20	Cost of refreshments	0.00
B21	Cost of flowers	54.00
B22	Cost of courses	0.00
B23	Church maintenance	4040.36
B24	Church Broadband/Screen	639.36
B25	The Beacon	4509.73
Total		<u>135521.63</u>
Capital Payments		
D01	Church	0.00
D02	Churchyard	0.00
D03	The Beacon	0.00
Total Payments		<u>135,521.63</u>
Deficit for the year		<u>-44,331.76</u>

Cheque issued but not cleared £284 Fees Chester DBF

	Balance	Balance
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
NatWest Account	<u>29,216.03</u>	<u>33,547.79</u>
Balance £	<u>29,216.03</u>	<u>33,547.79</u>

*This includes £40,000 bank transfer from CCLA Global Equity fund into NatWest Account which was used to pay the outstanding Parish Share balance and to cover part of the deficit

Mode Cottage Fund	Balance	Balance
	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
CCLA Investment	72,377.20	66,103.63
CCLA Global Equity	80,132.30	106,016.26
St. James' Place Unit Trust	<u>135,858.00</u>	<u>126,168.78</u>
	<u>288,367.50</u>	<u>298,288.67</u>

The Beacon, 30 Town Lane, Mobberley owned by Mobberley PCC - notional value £200,000.00

Prepared by Jean Underhill January 2024

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Mobberley Church of England Primary School

The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time when the school welcomes a new intake of reception class children. It was also an opportunity to welcome these new children, their families and returning pupils in our traditional start of the year service in St. Wilfrid's. The start of the autumn term also sees the older children being assigned responsibilities for the year ahead as they prepare to move on to senior school. One of their favourite jobs is to be "buddies" with the youngest children, where they read, play and mentor them - you will no doubt have seen them taking wonderful care of the younger children on their trips across from the school to church. The Forest School sessions are now well established and the children love getting their wellies on, exploring the wooded area and taking their learning outside. At harvesttime, the children not only had their own harvest festival in church, but also helped with the harvest flower arranging. The Year 6 Young Leaders supported the poppy appeal in honour of Remembrance Day this year and the school choir sang so beautifully in church during both the Harvest and Remembrance Sunday services.

The children once again contributed to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal this year, putting together shoeboxes of items to be sent to children in need across the world. There were also visits from various groups including the Blue Cross who taught the children about animal welfare and how to care for their pets, and 2 local dentists who talked to the younger children about their teeth and how to look after them. This was in addition to various school trips including a Stone Age day at Tatton, a farm trip and a Pilgrim Day visit to Chester Cathedral. The autumn term concluded with the wonderful Nativity and Christmas performances.

The spring term has been extremely busy and productive with many highlights including the Epiphany Service in St Wilfrid's, World Book Day, Uniformed Organisation Day, Road Safety Talks from Cheshire Fire Service, Internet Safety Week, Child Mental Health Week, Bikeability sessions focussed on cycling safely on the roads in addition to various sports tournaments. Music continues to be an integral part of school life at Mobberley and the choir performed at Singfest in Congleton.

As the summer term begins, Year 6 children will be preparing for SATs tests and we wish them well in their assessments. It will also be a busy term of activities including the sports day, school trips and the Leavers service.

The PTA have also had another very busy year with various fundraising events including a Pre-Loved book sale in school, Opposites Day, a Spooky Disco, making tea towels with self-portraits that the children have drawn themselves, plus the traditional Summer and Christmas Fairs. Money from fundraising activities is supporting much needed facilities at school, including the updating of classroom computing equipment.

Finally, our thanks as always to the teachers, teaching assistants, staff and volunteers at our school for their continued dedication.

*Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1;9***

Dr Valerie Baker, Foundation Governor

Youth Report - John Hennerley

Let me begin with thanks to everyone involved within our youth ministry this past year.

This year we have seen the steady growth of our youth club here in the village, held at the beacon which runs every Friday evening. This has been fantastic getting to know all our local children of whom I didn't realize there was so many here within Mobberley. We have games consoles, board games and even an air hockey table for all to play with, and not forgetting the tuck shop. The children were also involved with our Christmas nativity play at Saint Wilfrids which without their involvement I believe would not have taken place. Can I say a big thank you to all who took part you are all STARS.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask if anyone would love to volunteer in helping us out at the youth club as it has been so popular we are looking for responsible young minded adults who could spare a couple of hours on a Friday evening. Please see me for further details. On this note I would love to thank Jean Underhill for stepping into the breach and helping out at the youth club, I know the children love you and always ask where granny Jean is. Thank you so much.

My wife Jo-ann Hennerley runs a parents and toddler group every Monday at the Beacon with help from Heather Walker. Can I take this opportunity to thank them both for giving their precious time in providing this important service for our village. I know this is also very well attended with many regulars going every week.

This January saw the start of our messy church as we re-launched it after taking a short break. We relocated back to the Rajar, as the Beacon was found to be a little limited in space. This has been found to be well attended for the short period we have been running and I hope it will continue to grow.

This past year has been a privilege to work with all the leaders and helpers whom give their time so readily to make sure our ministry and the word of Jesus Christ reaches as many children and families Let us remember that the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is the gift for us all to share. I end this report expressing all my thanks for everyone's help and time given.

THANK YOU ALL. Psalm 127:3

Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him

**Take Care and God Bless
John Hennerley
Youth Leader.**

Fabric Committee - Rev Ian Blay

None

Rector's Report - Rev Canon Ian Blay

“For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

Ephesians 2:10

One of the great Christian books of the last century is 'The Screwtape Letters' by CS Lewis, an imagined chair of correspondence between a senior demon, Screwtape, and his nephew Wormwood. If you haven't had chance to read it I thoroughly recommend it to you. Wormwood has been appointed to corrupt a young man, his 'patient', but much to his annoyance the man becomes a Christian, necessitating him having to write to his uncle for advice. It is a strange back-to-front world they exist in. Screwtape writes to him,

One of our great allies at present is the Church itself. Do not misunderstand me. I do not mean the Church as we see her spread but through all time and space and rooted in eternity, terrible as an army with banners... fortunately it is quite invisible to these humans. All your patient sees is the half-finished, sham Gothic erection on the new building estate. When he goes inside, he sees the local grocer with rather in oily expression on his face bustling up to offer him one shiny little book containing a liturgy which neither of them understands, and one shabby little book containing corrupt texts of a number of religious lyrics, mostly bad, and in very small print. When he gets to his pew and looks round him he sees just that selection of his neighbours whom he has hitherto avoided.

As I said, his world is one that is back-to-front but, that being said, there is, I think, a crumb of truth in this in that we often think too little of ourselves, we think of ourselves as, literally, being too small, too weak, to irrelevant. This is the zeitgeist of our modern age, one that we can too easily fall into if we are not careful. We need to remember the first thing Screwtape says, that vision of God's people, which he somewhat surprisingly quotes from the Song of Solomon, that are spread throughout time and space, rooted in eternity. Whatever issues we face we are part of something far greater, in every sense of the word, than ourselves. We are part of that great army, each and every one of us if we had but the eyes to see it.

As ever there is a long list of people to thank and many of our people fulfil more than one role so please don't be disappointed if I don't list all your functions, please accept the following as a thank you for all that you do. I must begin with our Churchwarden, John Hennerley. He has carried that role alone over this last year and has done a magnificent job. Alongside his Churchwarden duties John has also been busy at the Beacon running the Youth Club, helping at Messy Church, holding drop-ins, cooking breakfasts and many other things. Thank you, John.

I would like to thank our PCC Officers, Jean and Ann, for all they do in that capacity, and all our PCC members for all their work over the last year.

I am immensely grateful to John Grainger our Reader, my thanks for all that you do. I also, of course, have to make thank Jean Underhill our Pastoral Worker who does so much to keep in touch with people in their times of sickness and keeping them involved in the life of the wider church as well as being our Baptism co-ordinator.

I would like to thank David and all the Choir, as well as our Assistant Organist Christopher Foy, for their contribution to our services over the last 12 months and filling the church with beautiful music. As many of you know Christopher is unwell at the moment and undergoing treatment, we wish him well and keep him in our prayers.

My thanks to the bellringers for their contribution in calling people to worship. Speaking of worship thanks to all our Sidemen and Sideswomen, our readers and those on the flower and coffee rotas.

Our mission at The Beacon continues with the Youth Group, Parents and Tots, Wednesday Film Matinees, and Men's Breakfast. This year we took the decision to move Messy Church back to the Rajar simply because of the greater space available there and I would like to thank our Messy Church leaders and helpers. Thank you to John and Jo-ann Hennerley and John Grainger for running The Beacon so efficiently.

Every PCC member, and everyone who works with children, has to be DBS checked and undertake Safeguarding training, this is overseen by our Parish Safeguarding Officer Tim Mort and his deputy Bridget Knight and I thank them for their vital work in keeping everybody safe and our church above reproach.

My thanks to Mike and Celia Boalch for all the work they do in keeping the graveyard neat and tidy, thanks are also due to our new Flag Captain, Neil Rowland, who took over from Mike earlier this year. Thanks also to Sarah Baron who continues in her role as Flower Organiser. Thank you to everybody who helps decorate the church for Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

A number of our church family have passed into glory, we remember with love and affection John Burgess, Nicholas Dolan, Margaret Davies, Lorna Taylor, Phill Armstrong, Irene Roberts and Clare Stephenson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, good and faithful servants of our Lord. We also keep their families in our thoughts and prayers as they cope with their loss.

Finally, thank you to those who represent the church on the various affiliated bodies, Val Baker our School Governor, Tim Mort on the Mobberley Trust, and those who represent the church on the Victory Hall TDC and the Friends of St. Wilfrid's.

As ever, if I have missed anybody out above please accept my apologies and be assured that as a co-worker with God nothing that we do in the name of his Son is ever ignored, dismissed or forgotten.

Rev. Canon Ian Blay

Accounts

St Wilfrid's Church - Mobberley
Annual Parochial Church
Meeting

Sunday 23rd April 2023



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Another year over, where does the time go. We have welcomed back our congregation to our services, numbers are still down but hopefully in time this will change. We still offer Zoom for people who are unable to attend Church in person. They are very important to our Church community. Soffits need to be replaced not yet completed due to the birds are still in Situ. We have had draft proofing installed at the North and South doors. Brushes has been fitted to the West door. Some of our Kneelers are now being displayed in Church. Flag rope has snapped & need a means of re-attaching a new one. JH to look into. Plaques from churchyard benches have been fixed on fence.

Thanks go to Ian and all the members of the PCC and many others members of the Church, who are on committees that revolve round the PCC also to Sides people, Verger, Readers, Flower Arrangers and brass polishers all very important jobs.

Thank you for all who have supported our Church, may you continue.

Carole Critchley and John Hennerley Church Wardens

PCC Report Ann Grainger

The PCC met on six occasions with an average attendance of 71%. In addition to our regular meetings the PCC has had three 'Away Day' meetings. The first of these was held at Foxhill House, the retreat and conference centre for the Chester Diocese, and a further two meetings held at The Beacon (more about this in the Faith and Worship report). These were felt to be very beneficial and we intend to continue to explore the issues raised.

At the 2022 APCM John Hennerley and Carole Critchley were elected as Churchwardens and Ray Britland and Jo-Ann Hennerley were re-elected to the PCC.

Pam Smith was elected in place of David Bleakley as Deanery Synod representative for the remainder of the 3-year term.

At the May PCC meeting the following officers were appointed:

Vice Chair - John Grainger

Secretary - Ann Grainger

Treasurer - Jean Underhill

Assistant Treasurer - John Grainger

Electoral Roll Officer - Linda Rushton

Health and Safety Officer - Ann Grainger

Envelope Secretary - Jean Underhill

Parish Safeguarding Officer - Tim Mort

Flag Officer - Mike Boalch

PCC Representatives:

PCC Standing Committee- Tim Mort and Colin Whiteley.

Mobberley Trust - Ian Blay, Tim Mort

Friends of St. Wilfrid- Bridget Knight and Pam Smith

Victory Hall Committee - Carole Critchley, John Grainger

School Governor - Val Baker

Christian Aid - Celia Webb-Boalch

John Grainger and Jean Underhill continued as Deanery Synod representatives.

Major efforts have been made this year for all members of the PCC, and others in the church in contact with the young or vulnerable individuals, to complete the online course for Basic Awareness Training, and for all members to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked. This has now been done.

The PCC was informed that a prospective buyer wished to use land at Mode Cottage as a business and asked that we remove the Deed of Covenant, which stipulates that the site could only be used for residential purposes. This was refused and the purchaser has now agreed to only use the site residentially. Many other issues of a general nature have been discussed and actioned. In particular congregation members might notice fewer draughts around the church,

with draught excluders being fitted to all the doors. Finance is still a major concern with income falling well below our expenditure.

I would like to thank all members of the PCC who have given their time and expertise in the care and maintenance of our church community over the past year.

Ann Grainger
PCC Secretary

Report of the Electoral Roll Officer - Linda Rushton

There are currently 121 names on the electoral roll. In 2022 115 on register.

Linda Rushton - Electoral Roll Officer

Safeguarding Tim Mort **Annual safeguarding Report 2023**

1. Incident reporting

There were no incidents reported this year. There are no cases or attendance agreements currently being managed.

2. Actions completed

2:1 The following are now safeguarding compliant in accordance with diocesan standards and the requirements of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook:-

The parish website

Notices displayed in the church and in the new parish rooms known as the "Beacon"

The Good Practice Guidelines for exercising pastoral care and working with children and vulnerable adults

Procedures for dealing promptly with safeguarding allegations or suspicions of abuse

Completion of "Activity risk assessments" for each activity associated with children or vulnerable adults and run in the name of the church

The consideration of safeguarding as a standing agenda item at each PCC meeting

Insurance cover for all activities undertaken in the name of the PCC which involve children, young people and vulnerable adults

2.2.1 Our Rector Lay Reader and Pastoral Worker have been DBS checked by the Diocese and records of those checks and the safeguarding courses attended by them are held by the Diocese.

2.2.2 The members of the PCC have been DBS checked as have those specifically engaged in parish work with children and vulnerable adults.

2.2.3 Our PCC members have completed "Basic Awareness" level modules on line and some have also completed "Safeguarding Foundation"

3. Actions to be completed in the next 12 months

Members of the PCC to complete "Safeguarding Foundation" and "Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse" modules.

Those specifically engaged in assisting in parish work with children and vulnerable adults to complete "Basic awareness".

4. The PCC has complied with the duty to have regard to the House of Bishops Policy and Practice Guidance

Faith & Worship Group Report - Ann Grainger

At our first Mission meeting we analysed what we are about, what we hope to achieve and how we can achieve it. A new mission statement was formulated, and then we categorised our activities under Worship, Mission or Ministry. We concluded that worship is at the centre of these three categories. Following on from these conclusions we held a further two meetings at the Beacon, where we examined the pattern and content of our services, resulting in a new family-oriented service on the 4th Sunday of the month, Choral Matins being moved to a 5th Sunday, and proposals for extra weekday services, for those unable to attend on Sundays, of a very different style from our usual worship. We have also trialled moving Evensong services to 3.30pm during the winter months to accommodate those who dislike driving in the dark. Numbers attending have stayed steady so we can at least say that the time change hasn't had any detrimental effect.

Ann Grainger
Convener, Faith and Worship group

Finance Committee Report for year ending 31st December 2022

2022 has seen an increase in income helped by contributions on the plate both at church services and also at services at The Beacon. Fees received from funerals and weddings have also contributed to the upturn in the PCC finances as have church events and our thanks go to those who gave their time and effort in organising and supporting these events. Our thanks also go to those families who have made donations in memory of a loved one who have died during the year and to the Wilmslow half marathon committee for their donation. A grant towards the upkeep of the graveyards was received from Mobberley Parish Council, and in addition to the volunteers working in the graveyard Ray Britland once again gave the services of his men in keeping the grass cut, we are very grateful for this support

Interest from our Mode Cottage investments remains a steady source of income as does the amount reclaimed from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid.

The PCC once again took the decision to pay the Parish Share in full.

The Beacon at 30 Town Lane has been fully functional during the year and is largely covering its running costs. It is not anticipated that there will be any major capital expenditure in the immediate future.

As a result of the general improvement in the finances of the PCC it has only been necessary to transfer £25,000 this year from the Mode Cottage fund to top up the PCC account half the amount required in 2021.

Mobberley PCC Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2022

PCC Account - Receipts

A01	Standing Orders	17,738.00
A02	Gift Aid at services	10,264.20
A03	Cash at services/coffee/alms	7,509.64
A04	Cash - Services @ The Beacon	887.60
A05	Cash - Sale of magazine	370.00
A06	Gift Aid - Gift Day/General	3,205.00
A07	Cash - Gift Day/General	100.00
A08	Fees Weddings/Funerals	33,845.00
A09	Nat. Trust/Subs. refunds	0.00
A10	Church Events	3,893.35
A11	Interest from investments	10,464.75
A12	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	9,453.31
A13	Rectory costs refunded	5.00

A14	Sponsorship/Grants	2,970.00
A15	Grant DBF/Crem. Grant	1,098.05
A16	The Beacon	<u>1,252.94</u>
Total		<u>103,056.84</u>

Capital Receipts

C01	Grants/Donations/Legacies/Restricted	0.00
C02	Grants/Donations/Legacies /Unrestricted	0.00
C03	Friends Donations	0.00
C04	Tax Reclaimed	0.00
C05	The Beacon	<u>0.00</u>
Total		<u>0.00</u>

Total Receipts

PCC Account - Payments

B01	Candles/wine/bread/baptism	249.30
B02	Literature/envelopes/website	805.24
B03	Messy Church/Youth Club	1,495.63
B04	Donations to charities	475.00
B05	Fees to Chester DBF	10,035.00
B06	Parish Share	82,936.00
B07	Organ/Organist/Visiting Organist fees	4,750.00
B08	Visiting Clergy Fees	0.00
B09	Honorarium at weddings/funerals	10,710.00
B10	Rectors expenses	1,251.46
B11	Pastoral Worker expenses	618.85
B12	PCC expenses	336.25
B13	Church costs - gas/electricity/water	4,406.76
B14	Church insurance	4,994.18
B15	Churchyard maintenance	0.00
B16	Rectory - Council tax/water/repairs	3,753.73
B17	Licences/Deanery subs./other subs.	910.24
B18	Rent to National Trust	33.07
B19	Cost of events/hire costs etc.	90.00
B20	Cost of refreshments	0.00
B21	Cost of flowers	84.98
B22	Cost of courses	0.00
B23	Church maintenance	1,547.47
B24	Church Broadband/Screen	280.80
B25	The Beacon	<u>4,829.22</u>
Total		<u>134,593.18</u>

Capital Payments

D01	Church	0.00
D02	Churchyard	0.00
D03	The Beacon	<u>0.00</u>

Total

Total Payments **134,593.18**

Deficit for the year **-31,536.34**

Cheques issued but not cleared £59.00 Fees Chester DBF

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Mode Cottage Fund	Balance 31/12/2022	Balance 31/12/2021
CCLA Investment	66,103.63	74,879.07
CCLA Global Equity	106,016.26	152,529.62
St. James' Place Unit Trust	<u>126,168.78</u>	<u>140,762.68</u>
	<u>298,288.67</u>	<u>368,171.37</u>

In addition, The Beacon, 30 Town Lane, Mobberley owned by Mobberley PCC with a notional value of £200,000.00

Prepared by Jean Underhill January 2023

**Deborah Hinson Independent Examiner
Mobberley Church of England Primary School**

It is a pleasure to report on a number of exciting developments this academic year at the school. A new prayer garden/reflection area has been established which will be used by all classes to continue developing spirituality within school. Forest school sessions have now been established which are proving to be very popular with the children, allowing them to link the environment to their learning - the infants have been having great fun hunting for bugs, playing in the mud kitchen and building dens. The sessions will continue to be rolled out to all years across the school. Remembrance Day saw the children take part in the national 2 minute silence and the choir sang so beautifully in church during the Remembrance Sunday service. Music is an integral part of school life at Mobberley and the choir also performed at the Christmas Fair, Manchester Airport and Cranford Grange nursing home. The children once again contributed to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal, putting together shoeboxes of items to be sent to children in need across the world with a focus this year on children in Ukraine. The autumn term concluded with the Nativity and Christmas concert performances - always wonderful to see the children tell the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus in their own way.

The spring term has been extremely busy and productive with many highlights including World Book Day, STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) week, Storytelling week, the celebration of Uniformed Organisations in Mobberley Day, a Poetry Masterclass with Tony Walsh, eco workshops focusing on reusing and recycling, and Children's Mental Health week where lessons were spent thinking about our connections to other people and how we can be kind to each other. In addition, a Nepal enrichment day built on links the school has with a school in Kathmandu - the children enjoyed learning about the culture and beliefs in Nepal. One particular highlight of the spring term saw 25 children take part in the Young Voices concert at the AO arena in Manchester along with 8500 others. They had a wonderful time and represented the school so well.

Following the disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is wonderful to welcome so many reading volunteers back into the school - this is such a vital support to help children with their reading.

As the summer term begins, Y2 and Y6 children will be preparing for SATS tests and we wish them well in their assessments. It will also be a busy term of activities including the sports day, summer show, school trips and the Leavers service.

The PTA have also had a busy year with various fundraising events including a Pre-Loved book sale in school so that every child could chose a book to take home. This was in addition to the annual bingo night in the Victory Hall, the Summer Fair and the Christmas Fair. Money from fundraising activities has supported much needed facilities at school. In addition, the Y6 Young Leaders have been busy with fundraising activities for the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal, whilst Y5 raised money for the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

The last year has also been a time of uncertainty for many with the cost of living crisis bringing its own challenges and we keep in our prayers those families in our school community who are finding it difficult to manage at this time. May God provide comfort to those in need.

Finally, our thanks as always to the teachers, teaching assistants and all staff at our school for their continued dedication.

*But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength.
2 Timothy 4.17*

**Dr Valerie Baker
Foundation Governor**

Youth Report - John Hennerley

Well another year has passed since my last report and even though COVID restrictions are not what they were, COVID is still with us. With this said our attendance at messy church although not bad towards the latter end of last year has tailed off this year. On the bright side though, I am very happy to say two new families joined us at our last session so things may be on the up, a very big welcome to you both.

Our Christmas Nativity was fantastic last year with a mix of messy church children and youth club children all taking part which in my opinion made it even more special, long may this continue.

Our New Beacon Youth club started last May and has grown from strength to strength with over 80 children being registered on our books. There has also been talk of a Youth Club float this year in the Rose Festival which will be fantastic.

The Beacon Babies new mothers and toddlers group has also been started up at the beacon on 27th march this year. This is open and is free to all parents with toddlers and babies and mums with bumps to enable them to meet, chat have a brew and a biscuit. This is open from 10am to 12 every Monday morning. All the children seemed to enjoy the first session with the toast soldiers made by Jo-Ann Hennerley going down very well.

With Saint Wilfrid's offering all these activities to the families and children of our community I feel God will be smiling down on us all as we meet and grow together.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank EVERY ONE who helps, contributes and gives their time to run and make these events/activities so successful? Without these people these things would not take place. Your commitment is beyond value, Thank you so much

Matthew 18:2.5

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Take Care and God Bless

John Hennerley
Youth Leader.

Deanery Synod - Rev Ian Blay

Since the last APCM the Deanery Synod has met on three occasions.

At our meeting on the 7th July we welcomed Bessia Kanengoni, the Diocesan Digital Giving Advisor, to St. Wilfrid's. She spoke about the various platforms available to enable digital giving in churches.

Our second meeting was on the 22nd November we met at St. John, Knutsford. Unusually we had subjects. The first was a brief introduction to Knutsford Together by Sarah Flannery and Nicola Marshall, a new charity started by Mr. David Briggs to support people living in poverty in the Knutsford area. Our next subject was on the matter of Ecochurch and we welcomed the Venerable Ian Bishop to speak of the national church's and Diocesan plans to be Carbon Zero by 2030. He also spoke of ways in which parish churches could look to cut their carbon footprint.

Our last meeting on the 27th March also took place at St. Wilfrid's. This was a sombre meeting following the decisions at General Synod the previous weekend concerning the Bishop's statement following the Living in Love and Faith process undertaken in 2021-22. We took the opportunity to give people space to express how they felt and where they were with the situation.

The Deanery has been very short staffed with vacancies at Wilmslow, Alderley and Birtles, High Legh, and Rosthern and Tabley. The Rev. Clare Leal was welcomed to High Legh in December whilst the appointment of the Rev. Eddie Roberts at Wilmslow has been announced. We are still awaiting news of an appointment at Alderley and Birtles whilst there have been no applications for Rostherne with Tabley.

Rural Dean of Knutsford **Rev. Canon Ian Blay**

Fabric Committee - Rev Ian Blay

All the work from the last Quinquennial Report have been completed and we note that the next report is due in 2024.

There have been two long-term issues that have been ongoing in the last year. The first is the tarmac on the church approach which is breaking up badly. A work party of the Rector, Phil Armstrong and Neil Rowland undertook repairs and filled in some potholes however the 'skirt', particularly on the eastern approach, is now badly crumbling and will need addressing in the coming year.

The second issue has been the heating. The boiler stopped working in the new year and, after initially being condemned, was temporarily repaired. In addition, we have another leak in the pipes from a failed seal. We managed to buy a job lot of seals a few years ago, which are no longer being manufactured, but with a failing boiler and a failing heating system, alongside the Church of England's commitment to move away from the use of fossil fuels, this seems like the time to start investigating alternative heating solutions and we will be doing this over the coming year.

Otherwise, the stonework and roof seem in generally good condition although we do need to clear the guttering. Work has been undertaken to cut down on the drafts and, for what it is, it is generally warm and damp free although the cost of keeping it that way may be something we will struggle to maintain in the face of rapidly escalating fuel costs.

Rector's Report - Rev Canon Ian Blay

**“Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is
your God.”**

Isaiah 35:3-4a

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is, as the word Parochial suggest, largely concerned with local matters however I am keenly aware that as I write this the Church of England, and quite possibly the whole Anglican Communion, is facing the most challenging time in its history. The current debate concerning homosexuality and gender has been going on for a decade now, largely in the background, until the Living in Love and Faith agenda was rolled out at the tail end of 2021.

Some people think that the debate is similar to that over the ordination of women to the priesthood however that simply is not the case. The discussions then concerned matters of Church order which, as a solution of sorts, allowed the Church of England to shape itself in such a way as to create two 'integrities', allowing both those who agreed to the ordination of women and those who disagreed to continue to live and function together. To put it crudely, those who opposed the ordination of women thought the other side simply to be wrong, not to be sinful. The current debate is very different and there is no such method for squaring this circle.

The Bishops presented a document to General Synod which, after 3 days of debate, was finally approved but, despite the Bishops' proposal having more fudge than Blackpool pier, it has still stirred up a storm of protest from all sides with the usual cries that it has both gone too far and hasn't gone far enough.

The Bishop of Chester has tried to steer a steady course through these turbulent waters. He recognises that this is still a journey and we have not yet reached our end point, so he has encouraged us all to think about where God is leading us on this journey, what is it that God is asking us to do? The way we journey is as important as the destination.

I invite you to pray for Bishop Mark, for Bishop Sam and Bishop Julie, at this incredibly testing time and also pray for discernment, humility and faith and we journey on together.

As ever there is a long list of people to thank and many of our people fulfil more than one role so please don't be disappointed if I don't list all your functions, please accept the following as a thank you for all that you do. I must begin with our Churchwardens, John Hennerley and Carole Critchley. The Churchwardens fulfil a very important role within the life of the church and I suspect people are barely even aware of the amount of work that they do. Carole has now come to the end of her maximum 6 years in Office and has decided to stand down, I would like to thank her for everything she has done over that period.

I would like to thank our PCC Officers, Jean and Ann, for all they do in that capacity, and all our PCC members for all their work over the last year. I would particularly like to thank Ray Britland who is stepping down after 15 years of service.

I am immensely grateful to John Grainger our Reader. Having gone 17 years and only missing one Sunday I have missed three Sundays in the last year alone and John has always been there with both the willingness and ability to step in, often at very short notice. My thanks to you and for all that you do. I also, of course, have to make special mention of Jean Underhill our Pastoral Worker who does so much to keep in touch with people in their times of sickness and keeping them involved in the life of the wider church.

I would like to thank David and all the Choir, as well as our Assistant Organist Christopher Foy, for their contribution to our services over the last 12 months and filling the church with beautiful music. In addition, my thanks to the bellringers for their contribution in calling people to worship. Speaking of worship thanks to all our Sidemen and Sideswomen, our readers and those on the flower and coffee rotas.

Our mission at The Beacon continues to grow apace with the Youth Group, Parents and Tots, Wednesday Film Matinees, Men's Breakfast, Messy Church as well as the Drop-Ins. Thank you to John and Jo-Ann Hennerley and John Grainger for all that they do down there. Next month we shall be starting our Alternative Services and we shall be broadcasting the Coronation from there.

Speaking of our children's work of ever-growing importance over the last years has been our focus on Safeguarding. At St. Wilfrid's every PCC member and everyone who works with children has been DBS checked and many have undertaken Safeguarding training and for that I have to thank our Parish Safeguarding Officer Tim Mort and his deputy Bridget Knight for their vital work in keeping everybody safe and our church above reproach. Needless to say I would like to thank our Messy Church leaders and helpers, it has been a difficult year with wildly fluctuating numbers attending but your support and dedication has been magnificent.

My thanks to Mike, Celia and Hazel for all the work they do in keeping the graveyard neat and tidy. Mike also serves as our Flag Officer which has been a busy job in this year when we said farewell to our beloved Queen.

This year has seen Liz Bridgford step down from organising the church decorating but in true Mobberley fashion she had already arranged her stand-in and so we thank Liz but also welcome Sarah Baron to her new role. Thank you to everybody who helps decorate the church for Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

This year two members of our church family have passed into glory, we remember with love and affection Pauline Norbury and David Evans. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, good and faithful servants of our Lord. We also keep their families in our thoughts and prayers as they cope with their loss.

Finally, thank you to those who represent the church on the various affiliated bodies, Val Baker our School Governor, Tim Mort who is on the Mobberley Trust, and those who represent the church on the Victory Hall TDC and the Friends of St. Wilfrid's.

As ever, if I have missed anybody out above please accept my apologies and be assured that as a co-worker with God nothing that we do in the name of his Son is ever ignored, dismissed or forgotten.

Rev. Canon Ian Blay

Accounts

St Wilfrid's Church - Mobberley
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 8th May 2022



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Church Wardens Report – Church Life

Life in the Church is slowly getting back to normal although our numbers are down after Covid. Hopefully our congregation will start to grow again as most restriction are lifted. Our Church Choir continues to grow in numbers which is good to see and led by Organist David.

Nothing major to report to regards to the up keep of the Church all the little jobs have been done. The gates on the new Church yard are in need of repairing and John Hennerley has been sorting this out. We are still operating the services via Zoom for people who are still shielding. They are very important to our Church community. Thanks go to Ian and all the members of the PCC and many others members of the Church, who are on committees that revolve round the PCC also to Sides people, Verger, Readers, Flower Arrangers and brass polishers all very important jobs.

Thank you for all who have supported our Church, may you continue.

Carole Critchley and John Hennerley Church Wardens

PCC Report Ann Grainger

The PCC met on six occasions with an average attendance of 83%.

At the 2021 APCM John Hennerley and Carole Critchley were elected as Churchwardens and Colin Whiteley and Bridget Knight were elected to the PCC.

At the May PCC meeting it was agreed that as the previous new committee had only been in operation for a short time all officers would remain the same viz.:

Vice Chair – John Grainger

Secretary – Ann Grainger

Treasurer – Jean Underhill

Assistant Treasurer – John Grainger

Electoral Roll Officer – Linda Rushton

Envelope Secretary – Jean Underhill

Parish Safeguarding Officer – Tim Mort

Health and Safety Officer – Ann Grainger

Flag Officer – Mike Boalch

PCC Representatives:

PCC Standing Committee– Jo-Ann Hennerley and John Grainger.

Deanery Synod - David Bleakley, John Grainger, Jean Underhill

Mobberley Trust – Ian Blay, Tim Mort

Friends of St. Wilfrid– Jo-Ann Hennerley and Andrew Harwood: proposed by Ian Blay and seconded by Ann Grainger

Victory Hall Committee – Carole Critchley, John Grainger

Christian Aid – Celia Webb-Boalch

One major area of activity for the PCC during this year has been the refurbishing of our mission centre *The Beacon*. Our grateful thanks in particular to John Hennerley and John Grainger who oversaw the whole process, plus personally redecorating throughout. Despite difficulties with material shortages due to Covid, *The Beacon* was officially opened in October by the Bishop of Chester, Mark Turner, accompanied by Bishop Julie.

Finance has also been a major concern with a drastic drop in attendances which have only recently seen an improvement.

Other areas for discussion have been, of course, the gradual return to (mostly) normal services following the easing of lockdown restrictions, the implementation of the new Safeguarding Policy, and the Clergy Covenant.

Overall this has been a challenging time for the church and I would like to thank all the PCC members for their support and efforts over the past year.

Ann Grainger

PCC Secretary

Report of the Electoral Roll Officer – Linda Rushton

There are currently 115 names on the electoral roll. There are no safeguarding issues.

Linda Rushton – Electoral Roll Officer

Faith & Worship Group Report – Rev Ian Blay

The Faith & Worship Group were exceptionally busy in 2021 trying to keep on top of, and appropriately respond to, stream of constantly changing Covid advice that came from Government and the National Church. The Faith & Worship Group has moved slowly and methodically in relaxing restrictions which meant that there wasn't an outbreak of Covid in the church community until March of this year, a result on the low risk but highly infectious Omicron strain. I really must commend all the members of the F&W Group for all they have done over the last 2-years in guiding our community through this pandemic. They have acted quickly, diligently, and in a very measured way.

We do still have some restrictions remaining, one of which I suspect will be around for many months, if not years, to come but I know the F&W group will continue to apply the same common sense and diligence as we move forward, continuing to monitor the national situation.

Most of the other work of the F&W Group has been shaped to one degree or another by the pandemic but we have slowly seen a return to normality. We managed to retain our full pattern of Christmas services in 2021, the first time since 2019, and Lent and Easter 2022, although numbers were clearly down, and in some cases drastically reduced, it was good to get back into the rhythm that has served us so well for so many years.

Rev Ian Blay
Faith and Worship Group

Finance Committee Report for year ending 31st December 2021

The finances of the church have continued to be affected by COVID19 which has resulted in reduced congregation numbers and a reduction in the number of services at the beginning of the year, together with fewer church events taking place. During the year a number of faithful members of our congregation, who made regular donations to the church, sadly died and this has also had an adverse impact on our income. We are very grateful to the families who generously gave donations in memory of their loved ones, also to those who made individual donations and for the charitable donations received from The Bulls Head, The Roebuck, and Wilmslow half marathon, and for a grant towards the upkeep of the graveyards from Mobberley Parish Council.

In comparison to 2020, giving by standing orders and on the plate increased by £2,700, with gift day donations slightly reduced by £430. Despite some weddings being cancelled the fees received from weddings and funerals increased by £7996 – however it should be noted that a proportion of the fees received from weddings and funerals are subsequently remitted to the Diocese. The Harvest Supper and Church Fair took place as usual resulting in a profit from these events of £2,099, our thanks go to those who gave their time and effort in organising and supporting these events. Interest from our Mode Cottage investments increased by £1,576. The amount recovered from HMRC in respect of Gift Aid reclaimed was £11,631.97, slightly up on the previous year.

Purchase of 30 Town Lane – known as The Beacon – was completed in February 2021 using part of the Mode Cottage Funds which had been sold at the end of 2020. During 2021 renovations took place to make the building fit for use as Church Rooms, this, together with the decision by the PCC to pay the 2022 Parish Share in full, resulted in more of the Mode Cottage funds being sold with the proceeds of £50,000 from the CCLA Investment fund being deposited in the PCC current account with the NatWest bank.

Jean Underhill for the Finance Committee.

Mobberley Church of England Primary School

Following two academic years impacted by lockdowns and national school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is a pleasure to report that normality has largely returned at school during the current academic year.

It has been lovely to see the children together again as a whole school enjoying activities such as hymn practice, services in Church, assemblies in person in the school hall (no longer on Zoom!), sports fixtures, school trips and extra-curricular activities - all the things that were

taken for granted before the pandemic, but which we now hold so dear. Prior to Christmas, pupils throughout the school once again filled shoeboxes as part of the Samaritans "Operation Christmas Child" appeal to send to children in need around the world. A highlight of the Autumn Term was most definitely the Nativity and Christmas concert performances – such a joy once again to enjoy the children's performances and their own unique telling of the Christmas story.

PTA fundraising events were also able to resume this year with a fun Bingo night in Victory Hall and a Christmas Fair at the school (complete with a visit by Father Christmas himself!). There was also a very successful second hand book fair for the pupils and a pre-loved uniform sale. Unsold uniform from the sale was donated to Wood St Mission in Manchester for their SmartStart project, providing school uniform items for those in need. Money from fundraising activities has supported much needed facilities at school including an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) Pod as a dedicated, quiet space for children to receive emotional support from our wonderful ELSA lead. In addition, Forest School training and equipment will allow more lessons to be conducted outdoors. Plans are also currently underway to create a prayer garden which will be a special place for reflection and wellbeing for the children. In addition, the school Ethos Team who work within the school to develop our Christian value and spirituality, took part in a Collective Worship meeting with other CE schools.

There have been the inevitable COVID-19 cases, both within the teacher and pupil populations, but the school has once again managed to deal with the challenges admirably and we are indebted to their unerring commitment and dedication. In addition, the teaching staff have worked tirelessly to ensure educational "catch-up" following the 2 national school lockdowns. As the summer term begins, Y2 and Y6 children will be preparing for SATS tests for the first time since the pandemic started and we wish them well in their assessments. In addition, much work has been done by the teaching staff and governing body to prepare for a potential Ofsted inspection and the school is very well placed to demonstrate the breadth of the curriculum, emotional and wellbeing support and the range of enrichment activities.

Prior to the Easter break and moved by the scenes of the war in Ukraine, the Young Leaders (Y6) decided they would like to help those caught up in the terrible situation and arranged for the whole school to do sponsored walks during their break/lunchtimes. A significant amount of money has been raised for humanitarian support for the people of Ukraine. In addition, it is wonderful that the school has been able to welcome a family from Ukraine to the school community and for the little boy to join Reception class. We keep this lovely family in our prayers and wish them peace in our village.

Finally, with the arrival of the hopefully warmer weather, the school are preparing for a busy summer term of activities including the sports day, summer show, Jubilee picnic, school trips and the Leavers service. These will be wonderful opportunities for the school community to celebrate together once again.

*The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.
Psalm 29:11*

Dr Valerie Baker
Foundation Governor

Youth Report - John Hennerley

As we all know Covid restrictions have again been a large influencing factor as to how much we have all been able to meet up together. With that in mind we were able to start Messy Church again in September, this we started with a welcome back together party. Although we were a little cramped at first as it was in our new meeting place at the beacon, I think we all had a great time with lots of games and party food. Our Christmas party was again graced with Father Christmas who knows no restrictions as to giving gifts out to children. But unfortunately last year, we were unable to arrange a messy Panto trip due to still more

restrictions, but all looks good for this year. I hope everyone has remained safe and I look forward to the months of fun to come.

Just a reminder that we will be starting up a youth club at the Beacon on the last Friday of every month and who knows if well attended may be more often. The first date will be Friday 27th May with under 11's: 5pm till 7pm and 11's and over: 7.30 till 10pm.

Matthew 18:2-5

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

**Take Care and God Bless,
John Hennerley**

Deanery Synod – Rev Ian Blay

Our Synod was, like everything else, badly affected by Covid. Our June meeting was held via Zoom on the 22nd June but we were able to meet in person on the 18th November when we gathered at St. Paul, Over Tabley to hear from the Rev. Nikki Eastwood who was introducing Living in Love and Faith. Our first meeting on 2022 was due to take place in person but due to the Chair (me) contracting Covid this took place via Zoom.

The major item this year has been the Living in Love and Faith programme which has been rolled out nationally in 2021. It was due to be finished by the autumn but thankfully common sense prevailed and the deadline was extended to April 2022. Take up of the course has been patchy although the Chester Diocese has had a more positive response than most. Within the Deanery we are facing a large number of vacancies. From the end of January, the parishes of Rostherne with Little Bollington, Over Tabley and High Leigh have been vacant. From the 1st May Alderley and Birtles are now vacant and within the next month or so Wilmslow will also become vacant. In addition, the Rev. Murray Aldridge-Collins is on sick leave meaning a total of 10 churches will be without a serving priest. This has been completed at St. Wilfrid's.

Other matters that have arisen this year include the Clergy Covenant which was agreed at General Synod and which each PCC is required to address. Safeguarding continues to be a dominant issue, with all PCC members now being expected to undertake both basic training and a DBS check. This is in hand at St. Wilfrid's.

The Bishop of Chester along with our Suffragan Bishops came on a Deanery Tour and visited our parish on the 13th October with Bishop Julie. He officially opened the Beacon and visited the primary school.

This year changes were made to the wedding registration system. Parish churches will no longer hold the legal Registers and instead couples will fill in a wedding document which must be sent to the Registry Office to which the couple must then apply for their marriage certificate. The system actually seems to be working quite well. Parishes still keep their own marriage register although this now has no legal status.

My term of office as Rural Dean came to an end on the 30th August this year but it has been extended by a further 2 years. I would like to thank Carole Critchley who is the Deanery Synod Secretary and David Bleakley, the Deanery Synod Treasurer.

Rural Dean of Knutsford **Rev. Canon Ian Blay**

Fabric Committee - Rev Ian Blay

None

Rector's Report – Rev Canon Ian Blay

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever”

Hebrews 13:8

“which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation”

The Church of England Declaration of Assent

There is a section of the Bible that is commonly referred to as ‘wisdom literature’. This rather general title serves to differentiate this series of writings from others such as the books of the Law and the books of the prophets. This wisdom literature covers a diverse selection of books including the poetry of the Psalms, the perceptive insights of Proverbs, the spiritual who-dunnit of Job and the mysterious book of Ecclesiastes. And it is from this last book that I draw the passage I want us to think about today. It is taken from Ecclesiastes 7 verse 10

Do not say, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’ For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

And I am mindful of these as, looking back over 2021, I can see how the claws of the Covid pandemic have continued to hold us. It is easy to forget that for the first quarter of last year the church was shut, reopening only on Mothering Sunday, and when it reopened we had to follow some very strict anti-Covid practices that seem incredible now. Strict social distancing, no hymn singing, the permeant wearing of masks in the building and the spraying and wiping down of the church between services.

Over the year these restrictions were slowly relaxed in line with national guidance but, as we are still being reminded even now, the pandemic was still with us. Numerous variants arose throughout the year which called us to either tighten our procedures or delay or cancel various services and events.

Bucking this trend, to a degree, is our Messy Church which we finally managed to restart in the autumn. We haven't had regular contact with these young families for a long time and the children who came regularly throughout 2019 have grown up considerably. We have inevitably lost some families over the last 20 or so months, some of whom we know have moved away, but we have also been delighted to welcome some new members, which is very exciting.

Our work at The Beacon has been hit by the various Covid resurgences and we have twice had to postpone the launch of our new projects from The Beacon however this month will see the start of 4 new initiatives. The Beacon Café, The Homework Club, the Youth Group and the Men's Breakfast. Please keep these projects in your prayers over the coming months.

Generally, it has continued to be difficult planning for things knowing that what we plan is likely to be cancelled, and often at the last minute. Alongside these problems we have continued to see a reluctance amongst people to return. If we look at our normal services alongside our more popularist services over Christmas we can see that our normal congregation numbers are down by around 30-40% whilst our Christmas services were down 50-60%.

We have seen a large number of deaths within the congregation over the last 2 years, although very few of them, if any, directly due to Covid. What Covid has done though is restrict our opportunities for picking up and welcoming new people to our fellowship. The harsh restrictions last year and the reduced opportunities to go out and attract people in has undoubtedly made new growth difficult.

That being said we have been able to greet new members, many of whom have taken up very active roles in the choir, which is as large now as I have known it, and in Messy Church. We continue, with varied success, to stream our 10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. services on Zoom and have a small but loyal following.

All in all, former days probably were a bit better than these but those days are past, we only have the future, and true wisdom lies in plotting our course forward as we seek to walk evermore closely in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus.

In my Report I like to thank those who serve in various capacities in the life of our Church here in Mobberley and this part is, inevitably, a bit samey each year however familiarity most certainly does not breed contempt and I am immensely grateful to the following for all the work they do. As is the nature of these things, firstly, some people fulfil multiple roles so I will only generally mention the more prominent ones, that doesn't mean the other stuff you do isn't appreciated, it also means, secondly, that I am likely to miss someone out at some point, please don't be offended, blame my brain, not my appreciation.

As ever I must begin with our Church Officers, the Churchwardens, John Hennerley and Carole Critchley, PCC Secretary and Verger, Ann Grainger, Treasurer and Pastoral Worker, Jean Underhill and our Reader, John Grainger all of whom, alongside their stated roles above, do so many other things that I could take up the rest of this page listing them all.

I would also like to thank our PCC members for their contribution. Four members have come to the end of their terms of Office and two of these have decided not to restand so I would like to thank Tom Robinson for his term of office and Andrew Harwood who has served, I think, 4 consecutive terms (it might be 5). Thank you for all that you have contributed.

I must also report that David Bleakley has taken the decision to stand down as one of our Deanery Synod reps which also means he will no longer be on the PCC. David has served in many different capacities in the church, including PCC Treasurer, over the last 27 years. In addition, he has run and helped run our Doorway Group and the Monday Night Group that used to meet before the pandemic. He was instrumental in starting the Healing service (which we hope to relaunch in a different format later this year), helping with the Alpha course, leading our Prayer Group and many other ventures over the years. What many of you won't know is that David is the Treasurer for the Deanery Synod as well. On behalf of everyone at St. Wilfrid's I want to offer David out thanks. David and Kath are currently shielding but I hope that, when the current infection rate drops, we will be able to welcome them back to St. Wilfrid's again.

One result of David's retirement is that we have a place available on Deanery Synod for one year if anyone would like to stand.

This last year has seen the enormous growth of the choir as we welcome 6 new members (or more accurately 5 new and one refurbished). I know that music and singing was one of the things people missed most during the restriction periods and I am delighted that, in this area at least, we are pretty much back to normal, if not in some ways improved. I would like to thank David Williams, the choir members and Christopher Foy, our assistant/back up organist, for all the wonderful music they contributed over the year that has so richly enhanced our worship. In addition, my thanks to the bellringers for their contribution in calling people to worship.

Whilst speaking of worship thanks to all our Sidemen and Sdeswomen, our readers and those on the flower and coffee rotas.

I mentioned earlier that members of our church community have passed into glory over the last 12 months, so we remember with love Jean McKenzie, George Eland, Ron Whild, Sam Naylor, Pat Barry and Sandra Arkwright. I also record the death of Margaret Graham the widow of the Rev. Michael Graham, former Rector of this Parish. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, good and faithful servants of our Lord. We also keep their wives, husbands and families in our thoughts and prayers as they struggle with their loss.

I would like to thank Tim Mort in his role as our Safeguarding Officer and our Messy Church team, alongside our regulars I would particularly like to thank our newbies, Marion and Heather, who have already made such a great contribution.

Thanks also to Philippa Mort for her help with the magazine and Louise Yates for printing it, and to Barbara and all the team who help with refreshments after our mid-week service.

I would like to thank Liz Bridgford for organising the decoration of the church at Easter, Harvest and Christmas and to all those, old and new, who assist in decorating the church for our large festivals. Thanks are also due to Ray and Kathryn Britland and the Norbury family for decorating the church for Harvest, and this year for helping to move the large spoil heap at the west end of the new graveyard. Thanks also to those who open our church and open the Beacon each week and to Mike Baulch for all he does in keeping the church grounds tidy.

Thanks to those who represent the church on the various affiliated bodies, Val Baker or School Governor, Tim Mort who is on the Mobberley Trust, Carole and Jo-Ann who serve on the Victory Hall TDC and everybody who serves on the Friends of St. Wilfrid's. Speaking of which on behalf of St. Wilfrid's I would like to take this opportunity to thank Philippa and Penny and the new friends Committee

As ever, if I have missed anybody out above please accept my apologies and be assured that as a co-worker with God nothing that we do in the name of his Son is ever ignored, dismissed or forgotten.

Rev. Canon Ian Blay

Mobberley PCC Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2021

PCC Account – Receipts

A01	Standing Orders	19651.00
A02	Gift Aid at services	7564.05
A03	Cash at services/coffee/alms	4404.58
A04	Cash – Services @ The Beacon	101.20
A05	Cash – Sale of magazine	0.00
A06	Gift Aid - Gift Day/General	2530.00
A07	Cash - Gift Day/General	0.00
A08	Fees Weddings/Funerals	21280.00
A09	Nat. Trust/Subs. refunds	0.00
A10	Church Events	2355.00
A11	Interest from investments	11631.97
A12	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	7472.35
A13	Rectory repairs via Diocese	0.00
A14	Sponsorship/Grants	6392.12
A15	Grant DBF/Crem. Grant	450.00
A16	The Beacon	<u>1350.00</u>
Total		<u>85182.27</u>

Capital Receipts

C01	Grants/Donations/Legacies/Restricted	0.00
C02	Grants/Donations/Legacies /Unrestricted	1000.00
C03	Friends Donations	0.00
C04	Tax Reclaimed	0.00
C05	The Beacon	<u>0.00</u>
Total		<u>1,000.00</u>

Interest Skipton BS **0.04**

Total Receipts **86,182.31**

PCC Account - Payments

B01	Candles/wine/bread/baptism	380.19
B02	Literature/envelopes/website	604.3
B03	Messy Church/Sunday Club	171.45
B04	Donations to charities	400.00
B05	Fees to Chester DBF	6771.80
B06	Parish Share	81108.93
B07	Organ/Organist/Visiting Organist fees	4710.00
B08	Visiting Clergy Fees	135.20
B09	Honorarium at weddings/funerals	3995.00
B10	Rectors expenses	1146.00
B11	Pastoral Worker expenses	562.50
B12	PCC expenses	45.00
B13	Church costs – gas/electricity/water	3608.31
B14	Church insurance	4820.80
B15	Churchyard maintenance	0.00
B16	Rectory – Council tax/water/repairs	3614.63
B17	Licences/Deanery subs./other subs.	803.50
B18	Rent to National Trust	108.55
B19	Cost of events/hire costs etc.	150.00
B20	Cost of refreshments	0.00

B21	Cost of flowers	0.00
B22	Cost of courses	0.00
B23	Church maintenance	4525.08
B24	Church Broadband/Screen	212.93
B25	The Beacon	28729.57
Total		<u>146603.74</u>

Capital Payments

D01	Church	1404.00
D02	Churchyard	0.00
D03	The Beacon	<u>202923.62</u>
Total		<u>204327.62</u>

Total Payments 350,931.36

Deficit for the year -264,749.05

Cheques issued but not cleared Nil

	Balance 31/12/2021	Balance 31/12/2020
NatWest C/A	* 40,084.13	254,757.70
Skipton BS	<u>0</u>	<u>75.48</u>
Balance £40084.13	<u>40,084.13</u>	<u>254,833.18</u>

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Allocation of PCC Funds	Balance	Payments	Receipts	Balance
	31/12/2021	2021	2021	31/12/2020
General - Unrestricted	40,084.13	349,752.67	135,182.31	254,654.49
Lecacies - Unrestricted	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,178.69</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>178.69</u>
Totals	<u>40,084.13</u>	<u>350,931.36</u>	<u>136,182.31</u>	<u>254,833.18</u>
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Mobberley PCC Receipts and Payments for year ended 31 December 2021

PCC Account – Receipts

A01	Standing Orders	19651.00
A02	Gift Aid at services	7564.05
A03	Cash at services/coffee/alms	4404.58
A04	Cash – Services @ The Beacon	101.20
A05	Cash – Sale of magazine	0.00
A06	Gift Aid - Gift Day/General	2530.00
A07	Cash - Gift Day/General	0.00
A08	Fees Weddings/Funerals	21280.00
A09	Nat. Trust/Subs. refunds	0.00
A10	Church Events	2355.00
A11	Interest from investments	11631.97
A12	Gift Aid Tax reclaimed	7472.35
A13	Rectory repairs via Diocese	0.00
A14	Sponsorship/Grants	6392.12
A15	Grant DBF/Crem. Grant	450.00
A16	The Beacon	<u>1350.00</u>
Total		<u>85182.27</u>

Capital Receipts

C01	Grants/Donations/Legacies/Restricted	0.00
C02	Grants/Donations/Legacies /Unrestricted	1000.00
C03	Friends Donations	0.00
C04	Tax Reclaimed	0.00
C05	The Beacon	<u>0.00</u>
Total		<u>1,000.00</u>

Interest Skipton BS **0.04**

Total Receipts 86,182.31

PCC Account - Payments

B01	Candles/wine/bread/baptism	380.19
B02	Literature/envelopes/website	604.3
B03	Messy Church/Sunday Club	171.45
B04	Donations to charities	400.00
B05	Fees to Chester DBF	6771.80
B06	Parish Share	81108.93
B07	Organ/Organist/Visiting Organist fees	4710.00
B08	Visiting Clergy Fees	135.20
B09	Honorarium at weddings/funerals	3995.00
B10	Rectors expenses	1146.00
B11	Pastoral Worker expenses	562.50
B12	PCC expenses	45.00
B13	Church costs – gas/electricity/water	3608.31
B14	Church insurance	4820.80
B15	Churchyard maintenance	0.00
B16	Rectory – Council tax/water/repairs	3614.63
B17	Licences/Deanery subs./other subs.	803.50
B18	Rent to National Trust	108.55
B19	Cost of events/hire costs etc.	150.00
B20	Cost of refreshments	0.00

B21	Cost of flowers	0.00
B22	Cost of courses	0.00
B23	Church maintenance	4525.08
B24	Church Broadband/Screen	212.93
B25	The Beacon	28729.57
Total		<u>146603.74</u>

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D01	Church	1404.00
D02	Churchyard	0.00
D03	The Beacon	<u>202923.62</u>
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