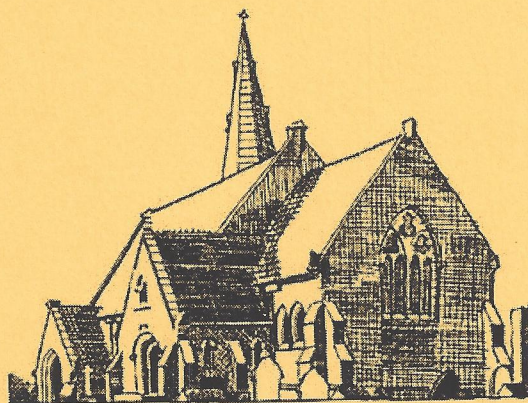


ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on
SUNDAY 15th MAY 2022
at 1.00pm



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A *Annual Vestry Meeting - Election of churchwardens*

1. Prayers
2. Minutes of last Meeting
3. Chairman's remarks
4. Election of Wardens

B *Annual General Meeting*

1. Opening Worship
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Christ Church Reports
6. Matters arising from Reports
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Report on Electoral Roll
9. Elections:
 - 9.1 PCC members
 - 9.2 Deputy Wardens
 - 9.3 Sides persons
10. Rector's Report
11. Any other Business
12. Date of next Annual General Meeting

CHRIST CHURCH MORETON

Annual Vestry Meeting

25th April 2021

Meeting took place via zoom due to restrictions in place during the coronavirus pandemic

1. Opened in prayer
2. Minutes of last year's meeting are they an accurate record, yes agreed and signed.
3. Elections of Wardens
Two nominations for the Church wardens, Jane Matthews nominated by Eileen Hughes and seconded by Terry Hughes. Also a nomination from Jane Matthews and Seconded by Martyn Hindle for Steve Eaves as Church Warden. We affirm Steve and Jane as Church wardens.
4. The last year has been so difficult and the work of the church wardens has been made more difficult with the church services being online, thank you both.

End of the vestry meeting

CHRIST CHURCH MORETON
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

25th April 2021

Meeting took place via zoom due to restrictions in place during the coronavirus pandemic.

1. Opened in prayer

Romans 15:1-15 and Graham opened in prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Graham Stanford and Steve Smith registered apologies.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

All agreed that they were a true copy 18th October 2020 Graham signed a copy.

4. Matters arising from last meeting

Nothing from the last meeting to carry over.

5. Christ Church Reports

Slimmer APCM report this year although smaller we have not fizzled out there are still activities continuing.

Finance, we would like to thank Lynda for all her hard work, Lynda spoke of a difficult year as the income streams stopped and would like to thank those who kept up their giving and for the substantial donations through lockdown. Lynda had estimated at the start of lock down we would be around £20,000 overspent but the actual figure of £6,000 was a real blessing. Looking forward we have now had three further months with no additional income and the situation is tighter now with us overspending by £1,500 each month in the current year. As church reopens there will be lots to talk about as to how we can balance the books and we appreciate the support of everyone. No questions were raised about the produced accounts, Anne Turner has stepped down as assistant treasurer so Lynda has been doing the additional work. we will hope someone will take over the assistant job in the next few months. We do have a lot to thank God for with his provision for us. Graham thanked Lynda.

Other report items about Prayer ministry, this could have gone into cold storage as it took place after our Sunday services but it has continued through the 'say one for me' cards and the prayer chain has been incredibly important. Prayer does go

on in the background, but it is so important. The Church would not be where it is and will not go forwards if not covered in prayer, a reminder in this report that the prayer ministry is so important to church life.

Family pack could not continue in its old form but quickly morphed into a new way and doing even more things. Thanks to Clair and Jane for keeping this going and doing even more things and reaching out to new people.

There is a report on the youth group which has still managed to meet on zoom and physical meetings when able, we do need to keep praying for our youth and for the leaders Kat, Lynda and Jane. We also need to pray for our other church children, thanks to Gwen who has produced Sunday club material which goes out each week, not only to our church children but also now to school as well.

We need to be praying about our children and family worker, as last year Kat left us when the funding dried up. We have applied for funding and we need to be praying about that decision will be due in June. Please be praying about this to be able to build our children's work into the future.

Finally we have a report from our Church school and see what is going on there, we are so blessed that the head teacher and senior team have such a heart for the gospel, such a desire to be working with the church. We should be thanking God for the school and the staff.

No questions or comments about the annual report.

7. Appointment of auditor

Diane Topping was re-appointed as auditor.

8. Report on Electoral Roll

At the start of the year the number of names on the electoral role was 117 we sadly lost 5 members and had 3 additions so now 115 on the register.

9. Elections

Today Bob Holmes and Martyn Hindle finish their terms, thank you to both, it has been difficult year with PCC meetings on zoom, thank you to them for their Godly practical wisdom over the last three years. We have been blessed with our PCC members and especially how harmoniously they work together. Thank you to Les who's term technically ends today, but he has agreed to take on the PCC secretary so at the next PCC we will be co-opting him back on, thank you Les.

PCC vacancies we have four vacancies each year but last year we only appointed three so we have one 2 year vacancy and four 3 year terms. We have nominations

of Phil Jones nominated by Steve Eaves and seconded by Jane Matthews. Jane Fisher nominated by Jill Hughes and seconded by Steve Eaves. Clair Culligan nominated by Steve Eaves and seconded by Jane Matthews. Eileen Hughes nominated by Jane Matthews seconded by Gwen Cousins and Carol Allen nominated by Eileen Hughes and seconded by Jane Matthews. Are there any nominations from the floor, none given. Jane Fisher has agreed to the two year term and Phil, Clair, Eileen and Carol the three year term. They were all unanimously appointed. It will be a busy year coming out of restrictions and moving forward and the problems with the finances.

We appoint deputy wardens but agreed to leave this to the PCC along with the sides persons appointments.

10. Rectors report

A written report went out on Friday flagging up as we look to start up and move forwards and need everyone to step up and take up a role, such as the sides persons, the Sunday club leaders. Please be praying what the Lord's role is for you in the future. Everyone has gifts and ministries to exercise if we are all doing it then we won't be able to do the things we believe God is calling us to do.

Comments Debbi bought up the deanery synod membership which is due to restart Lyndsey and Beryl are the deanery synod representative and as Jane becomes a pastoral worker she will become a ex-officio member of PCC and may be ex-officio of Deanery synod too.

Betty wanted to record thanks to Graham for all the work he has put into keeping the church going through the pandemic.

11. Any other business

Jane Matthews also added that official thank you he thanks every one there is so much work he does some people don't know that work and we all appreciate the two decades you have been here and on behalf of everyone we all want to thank him, gift of rose bushes and wine

12. Date of the next AGM

15th May 2022

Closed in prayer

Annual Report

**Year ended 31st
December 2021**

Members of the Parochial Church Council from 1st January 2021 to 31 December 2021:

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| <i>Rector</i> | Revd Graham Cousins (ex-officio) |
| <i>Associate Minister</i> | Revd Debbi Stott (ex-officio) |
| <i>Deacon</i> | Revd Betty Turner (ex-officio) |
| <i>Wardens</i> | Mr Steve Eaves (re-elected 25 th April 2021) Mrs Jane Matthews (re-elected 25 th April 2021) |
| <i>Secretary</i> | Mr Les Evans from 11 th May 2021 |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | Mrs Lynda Jones |

Other members:

Mrs Carol Allen (Appointed 25th April 2021)
Mrs Beryl Blackman (Deanery Synod member)
Mrs Clair Culligan (Appointed 25th April 2021)
Mrs Jane Fisher (Deanery Synod member)
Mrs Angela Hanton (Deceased 27th August 2021)
Mrs Julie Harris
Mr Martyn Hindle (retired 25th April 2021)
Mr Bob Holmes (retired 25th April 2021)
Mrs Eileen Hughes (Appointed 25th April 2021)
Mrs Gillian Hughes
Mr Phil Jones (Appointed 25th April 2021)
Mrs Lindsey Lawrence (Deanery Synod member)
Mr Phil Raymond
Mr Steve Smith
Dr Ian Stott

Bankers: Santander
CAF Bank

Custodian Trustee: Chester Diocesan Board of Finance

Christ Church and Public Benefit

Christ Church Moreton PCC is a Christian charity which undertakes a variety of activities in Moreton with wide ranging public benefit. The individual sections of this report explain in some detail the activities that take place (with statistics where available) and these provide public benefit in one or more of the following areas:

- The Christian faith provides a religious, moral and ethical framework. Christ Church PCC and the members of Christ Church seek to explain this faith to people in the parish and to live it out in their lives.
- The PCC maintains the parish church as a place of worship in the town and has regular services of worship, mainly on Sundays and in addition on special occasions in the church's year, for example Christmas and Easter Week.
- The parish centre is maintained to supplement the church building in the provision of facilities for social care and outreach (e.g. Toddler group Tea Bar/Lighthouse, foodbank, family pack project and various clubs) and for teaching the Christian faith.
- Christ Church is available and well used for weddings, funerals and wedding blessings. The churchyard, though having no new burial plots or space available in the Gardens of Remembrance, is still open for burials and for the interment of cremation ashes in existing plots.
- Christ Church helps to provide moral and spiritual education of children both by helping manage and provide spiritual instruction for Christ Church voluntary aided school and by running Sunday school and mums and toddlers groups.
- The church and its members try to carry out Jesus Christ's teaching to provide for those in need through giving away part of its income, by organising collections for relief charities and by providing assistance for local needs such as the homeless.
- The church has a pastoral care team which undertakes hospital and sick visiting and visits and assists those who are bereaved. A special service is held annually for those families bereaved during the year. The church also runs groups to help particular social care concerns.
- The church is also aware of working in Moreton and strives to ensure that its activities do not cause problems for people living in the area.

Essentially everything that is done at Christ Church is open to anyone who wishes to partake. Some areas of work, for example the toddler group, are necessarily limited to certain groups of people, but anyone who falls into such a group (subject to space being available) is welcome. Some parts of church services (such as taking communion bread and wine) are restricted to members of faith, but all are welcome to attend and partake in all services. Although most of those who benefit from the PCC's work live or work in the Moreton area, some beneficiaries are overseas (eg

the recipients of mission donations) or in other parts of the UK (eg UK societies assisted).

Most of those carrying out the church's activity are volunteers whose benefits from the activity are incidental to their work. The Rector receives stipends on a national scale and adequate housing for the work he does in the parish, but again the benefits are necessary for the proper running of the church and are incidental.

The PCC are aware of the general guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and this is taken into account in planning and operating the churches activities.

RECTOR'S REPORT

It seems strange to be writing this report ready for our APCM, by which time I will have retired. But it is still good to have an opportunity to reflect on what has happened during 2021. I wrote last year that for all of us at Christ Church, 2020 was the strangest and most challenging year we had experienced but, whilst we had hoped for a quick return to normality, the reality has been that 2021 has again been far from normal. The year started with restrictions which meant that the majority of our activities remained on hold, and our services continued to be available only online. As the year progressed restrictions were gradually lifted, which has meant a process of deciding what activities and services should restart and how they should run. Key to those decisions was continuing to implement our vision of being a church which is Making Disciples, Growing Disciples and Being Disciples.

Christ Church is committed to Being Disciples.

At the heart of our vision is wanting every member of Christ Church to see themselves as disciples of the Lord Jesus, and to live that out in their lives, both in church and in the community. Central to equipping people for this are the times we meet together for corporate worship. Earlier in the year this wasn't possible, and our services were purely online. Since June we have been able to return to meeting in church – at 9.00 am for a more traditional service, and at 10.45am for a family oriented service. The service at 10.45 is also streamed, and we continue to have a number of people who join us each week in that way. The reopening of our services has seen a gradual return of the congregations, and by the end of 2021 we were seeing 60-70 attending across the 2 services, ranging in age from babies to those in their 90's, plus a similar number joining online. Our Sunday Club runs alongside our 10.45 am service, and the first Sunday of the month is regularly led by one of our young people, with other young people and children contributing

significantly. In addition we have continued to provide a weekly 'Midweek Meditation' available both online and in paper copy.

A key element in all our service remains Bible teaching – geared to help Christians at all stages of their discipleship to grow. A small 'Preachers and Leaders team' met regularly to plan sermon series' and share in preaching and leading. All our services also offer opportunities for church members to exercise different ministries – different people are involved in speaking, in leading the services, in reading the Bible or leading the prayers. Music is also an important part of our corporate worship. We are blessed with gifted musicians and singers who lead the music in our 10.45 am service, whilst music at the 9.00 am service is been digital. We also have a Prayer Ministry team, members of which are available after our 10.45 am service. Alongside this 'Say One For Me' allows church members and others in our community to submit prayer requests.

However, being disciples doesn't just involve serving within the church. Many of our activities are geared towards serving our local community. Food Bank and the Family Pack project support those in financial difficulties, whilst Toddler Group is primarily to help those outside the church community. We also host services for local schools, especially around Christmas – in December 2021 over 1000 children and adults attended school carol services for Christ Church School and Lingham School. In addition we conduct regular assemblies in Christ Church School.

The church building is used for funerals, weddings and wedding blessings, baptisms and thanksgivings for the birth of a child. In 2021 our clergy (assisted by local retired clergy) conducted 25 funerals (11 of which took place in Christ Church). Christchurch graveyard is also used for burials and interment of cremation ashes. We also conducted two weddings, 2 services of thanksgiving for the birth of a child, and 3 baptisms.

Christ Church is committed to Growing Disciples.

Discipleship has to involve personal growth. Our Sunday services play an important part in serving our vision of Growing Disciples. This is also one purpose of our Home-groups, as together members study the Bible and encourage one another. Our Sunday Club and Youth Group also play an important part in helping our children and young people to grow as disciples.

This year it was a joy to see Lindsey Lawrence licensed as a Reader, and Jane Fisher as a Pastoral Worker. Seeing people take up training and so being equipped for ministry is an important element of growing as disciples, and I would

encourage all members of Christ Church to be considering if there would be a course which would help them to grow.

Christ Church is committed to Making Disciples.

Opportunities for outreach events have been very limited this year, but at all our services we seek to welcome newcomers – a vital part of this is having people who are gifted at this and encouraged to see welcome as their key Sunday ministry. We also ran the 'Christianity Explored' course for those enquiring about the Christian faith.

Making, Growing and Being Disciples can never be an individualistic thing – it is a vision which we share in together. Because of that things that affect individual church members do affects us all. 2021 was a particularly hard year in that respect, as we grieved the deaths of some of our members – Pauline Williams, Sylvia Clarke, Joan Edwards, Ken Jones, Angela Hanton, Derick Hayes, Brian Hinds and Enid Squire. We grieve their loss, whilst rejoicing to know that they are now at home with the Lord.

It is always the case that much work within the church family goes on almost unnoticed, and that has been especially true this year. I would like to express my thanks to those who serve behind the scenes. Our parish secretary Jane Matthews has continued to run the church office, ably managing all our admin. Jane also serves alongside Steve Eaves in the vital role of church warden, covering so much work looking after the organisational side of the church and the buildings. The Facilities and Buildings Committee oversee work on our buildings, including seeking grants to enable us to complete work which we would otherwise be unable to do. This year this has included installing a new boiler in the Parish Centre, thanks to a grant from Burbo Bank and streaming equipment in church, thanks to a grant from AllChurches Trust. Like most churches we faced big financial challenges in 2021, with much reduced income from our Parish Centre or from occasional offices in church, but we thank God for the giving of his people, which has enabled us to fund our work in 2021. Our treasurer Lynda Jones continues to put in a lot of work behind the scenes to help us deal with our finances, and we owe her a debt of gratitude.

Our theme verse for 2021 reminded us that God is the God of hope, and throughout the year he has provided for us and blessed us. May all that we continue to do be for his glory.

Graham Cousins

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

The church accounts are included with this report.

2021 has again been a year of uncertainty and constant change, a lot of planned activities couldn't take place, some at short notice, rising costs, but also being able to meet together as church in our church building for which we are grateful. In terms of finance we finished the year in a net positive position through the generosity of God's people, and for this we are truly thankful to God, he has ensured that we have been able to continue with vital activities even through another difficult year.

General funds

2021 showed a positive position this year

- the total income for the year was £88,848 (up by £11,344 on 2020)
- with the expense being £82,754 (up by £4,073 on 2020) (excluding tithe)
- Total surplus of £437

The PCC continue to tithe the income of the church and this is donated to missions around the world as well as our local community. The tithe for 2021 was £5,657

Restricted funds

These are funds which have been received for a specific purpose and can only be spent for that purpose.

The bulk of the balance in this account, is accounted for by donations for training workers, children and youth work and holiday at home.

Designated Funds

These are funds which the PCC have designated for a specific purpose, but can be used for another purpose with the permission of the PCC.

This fund decreased in 2021 as the Tithe for 2019 and 2020 were both paid out in 2021; the balance is made up from money designated for mission, our reserve as per policy and the annual Tithe.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to and prayed for our finances during a very difficult year. I would also like to thank all members of the PCC for the careful and prayerful process they undertake with regards to financial decisions. As ever I couldn't do this role without the help of Doreen Bryce, planned giving officer and Jane's assistance in the office.

I pray that God will continue to bless you and the work of Christchurch as we go through 2022

Lynda Jones
Treasurer

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

It has been another tricky year as we started the year 2021 in lockdown with on-line worshipping, with slowly starting to rebuilding our worshipping community with the 1.30 pm service starting up in February and building up to the 9.00 am service restarting in May and the 10.45 am a month later. We are able to still stream the 10.45 am enabling those unable to attend church in person to still be part of our worshipping community. Thanks to the technical team for the continued work in manning the streaming and sound systems.

We are grateful to the deputy wardens and the sides people who have stepped up to help each week at our Sunday services. We appreciate all our volunteers who are cleaning church, making tea and coffee after the services, helping with the housekeeping and washing tea towels. These jobs are rarely seen but we want to sincerely thank these people.

The church building and parish centre are well maintained by our FaB committee and their report will detail all the work that has been able to take place this year. Wirral Borough Council look after the church yard in the grass cutting and maintenance of the graveyard.

As we step into a new season at Christ Church we pray for unity in the Church fellowship

Jane Matthews and Steve Eaves

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

Last year's report for 2021 began explaining that because of the Covid pandemic church life had changed. During this last year our presence in Church was still limited and many of the PCC committees and meetings continued on-line. As the Covid restrictions lifted Church life began to get back to normal with many returning to the Church services and face to face committee meetings starting up again. Those still not able to return to Church still have the option of watching the services 'live' on-line and some meetings still take place on-line.

The Parish Centre has opened up and 'normal' activities are happening there again with bookings to hire the hall being taken. A big event took place in December with the 'Moreton In Bloom' team holding a Christmas Fair. There were many church members also helping there. Despite the weather the event was a success and helped us make good connections within the community.

The Parish Centre saw Phase 1 of the new heating system completed and new boilers installed. Further work is still need for new pipework and radiators hopefully later in 2022.

The PCC are grateful for all the work that goes on both seen and unseen. We pray that God will continue to work through the church in Moreton and will give the PCC the spirit of unity that allows it to make the decisions to help keeping moving the church forward.

Les Evans
PCC Secretary

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Parish Church of

Christ Church, Moreton.

This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on: **9th March 2021**

- It will be read by the PCC members at one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing it will be monitored.
- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church
- Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision
- Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines
- Each worker with children and young people must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed **Angela Hanton** to be the Child Protection Coordinator.

- Children and Young People are an important part of our Church today
- They have much to give as well as to receive
- We will listen to them
- As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of Children and Young People.

Amendment

*At the PCC meeting on 11th May 2021 **Steve Smith** was appointed the new Safeguarding officer.*

As this report is published for the year ended 31st December 2021 this was the position at that time. A new Safeguarding policy has been prepared and will be put to the PCC at the next meeting

GLOBAL MISSIONS TEAM

Though the Team were unable to meet physically during much of 2020, we have met on Zoom to keep abreast of the situation for the mission agencies and charities that we support as a parish and to pray for them, particularly in light of the added impact that Covid-19 has had already difficult situations.

During 2021, Christ Church has supported a number of mission agencies and individuals in their work, but has focussed attention on 5 in particular. Tearfund, Open Doors, Bible Society, Samaritan's Purse, Charles Thompson Mission & The Ark Project.

We have also continued to fund the training of a nurse to degree level through IPASC in the Congo. Reports from IPASC have proved more sporadic than in the past due to the breakdown in the relationship between the Diocese of Aru and IPASC in Aru, terror attacks and displacement of populations in Boga Diocese and also the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has also continued to make communication with our link parish of All Saints in Bunia in the Congo virtually impossible, though we have continued to hold Reverend Japhet Ruhigwa and the congregation in our prayers as a team and through the intercessions rota. Thank you all for your generous support both in prayer and giving that has enabled us to support global mission this year through the distribution of £5,600. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters overseas, for the UK church and particularly our own Diocese of Chester.

With every blessing

Debby Stott

FABRICS AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT

The role of the Facilities Committees is to ensure the upkeep and smooth running of the buildings and equipment of Christchurch.

In 2020, many of our activities were reduced due to covid. In 2021, we started to see a return to normal, with our meetings moving from on line to in-person and working parties resuming. We are continually grateful to the many church members who continue to give up their time to perform the essential maintenance activities throughout the church grounds and buildings.

The first part of our solution to the poor heating in the Parish centre has been implemented. This was enabled due to generous grants from Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund for £15,000 and from the Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust for £5000. This has enabled us to replace our tired boiler with two new

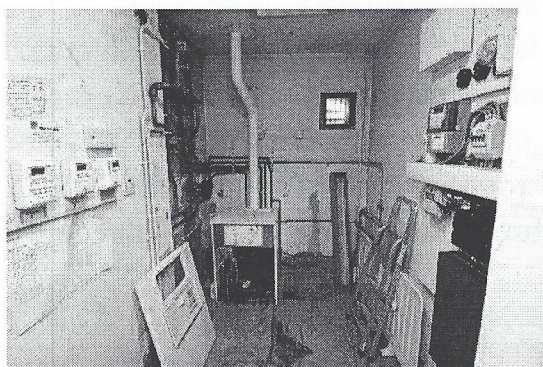
ones, as well as replacing all of the pipework within the boiler room. The work being performed by Atherton and Partners, under the supervision of SDC consulting service.

However, this is not the end of the work required for the heating, with additional work planned for 2022 to replace the maze of pipework and radiators.

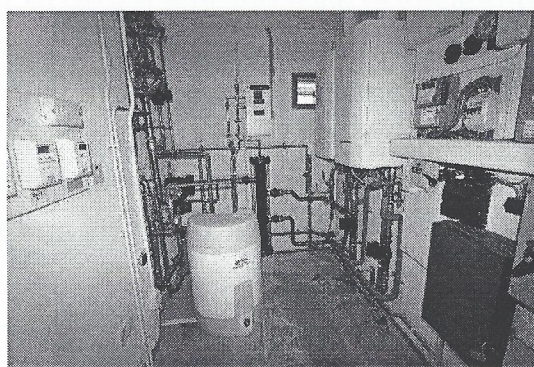
When the church was closed to normal services, we were very fortunate to be able to live stream services via YouTube, using borrowed equipment. In order to continue with this capability once the borrowed equipment was returned, we obtained a grant for £7800 from the Allchurches Trust under their Hope Beyond programme.

We were also very grateful to the Wirral council's Social Sector road to recovery fund for £3,800. This enabled us to purchase, amongst others items; a fogging machine that has enabled us to sanitise the church between services and the parish centre between activities and a secure and robust replacement to the rear door of the Parish Centre.

Ian Stott



Before renovation.



The new boilers and pipework.

Ian Stott

PASTORAL CARE MANAGEMENT TEAM

Through another year of uncertainty due to the Covid restrictions the Pastoral Care Management Team has tried to keep in contact with members of the congregation in need, either by telephone or visits where applicable.

Due to the easing of the restrictions the monthly Home Communion visits, in most cases, has resumed. The Family Pack Project has been invaluable both with families in need and the distribution of Christmas and Easter hampers to the elderly and lonely.

Unfortunately TLC has fallen victim to the pandemic, also Open Church but we were blessed in welcoming Jane Fisher to the Pastoral Care Team. It is a blessing and essential to have younger members coming on board.

The Bereavement Journey Course run during the late summer was appreciated and gave comfort and support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Two Commemoration Services and one private service were held. It was particularly potent giving thanks for members of our Christ Church Family who died during the pandemic.

We, your Pastoral Care Team are always available and appreciate information regarding any person in need. All information is treated with the utmost integrity but we can only work successfully when made aware of situations. Please help us to do God's Pastoral work. Thank you.

Beryl Blackman

PRAYER MINISTRY

Psalm 145:18 says, *"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.."*

This is a most amazing encouragement, and one that underpins all prayer activities at Christ Church. Prayer meetings continued to be hosted online for the first half of the year, but it was good to be able to gather together for prayer later in the year, once regulations permitted our return to the parish centre.

Weekday prayer times on Zoom continued to be a feature of our prayer ministry during 2021, with morning prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Evening prayer on Tuesday and Thursday.

The prayer chain remains very active, and we have also seen continued engagement from the community through Say One For Me. Later in the year prayer ministry at the front of the church on Sundays was also able to start up again. Within each of these areas we are privileged to support those who come seeking prayer for whatever reason; to be making, growing and being disciples, through the practice and encouragement of praying for one another, and seeing God answer prayer.

Though we were once again unable to hold any of our usual communal prayer events during Thy Kingdom Come, a number of the congregation joined the prayer ministry team in keeping a prayer journal over the ten-day period between

Ascension and Pentecost, praying that the gospel might reach more of our community, even under the difficult circumstances presented by the pandemic.

I am grateful for the faithful commitment of the prayer ministry team over the past year, and encourage you to be praying for them as they continue to serve in these unusual times.

God is calling all His people to prayer, because he has so much that he longs to bring about in us and through us, both at Christ Church, and in the local community. Having seen him at work this year through prayer, will you meet him there again in 2022?

Debbi Stott

FAMILY PACK PROJECT

The Family Pack Project provides free packs of toiletries, children's clothes, bedding, and toys to disadvantaged families referred to us from schools, nurseries, community workers and other agencies who work closely with them.

This has again been a very different year and we have had to adapt the Family Pack Project because of the restrictions due to Covid. Normally we would welcome the families to the Parish Centre to select what they needed, collect their bags and have refreshments and a chat. This was still no longer possible so we decided we would continue to deliver to their homes which has enabled the families to still receive the packs. We have also delivered small treat bags to those who have been alone and isolating as we felt that they were also still very much in need.

We have delivered the packs of toiletries to the families 3 times this year and we also included masks, sanitising gel, and tea towels. In the summer we included stationery and outdoor games for the children as well as sun cream and at Christmas included new pyjamas for each child as well as a food hamper. We always include a Christian book for the children and magazine for the adults. The families were invited to the Parish centre at Christmas to pick up their hampers and children's pyjamas but because of the Covid situation at the time we were unable to provide refreshments.

We were very blessed to receive funding from the Co op Community Fund and Cargill who provided the funding for the new pyjamas for all the children. We are particularly grateful to Chris Henderson one of our school governors who facilitated this.

Christ Church school year 3 also collected food for 2 large food hampers which were presented to us and at Christmas the children and their teachers helped with the delivery to the elderly for which we were very grateful, and the elderly were delighted to see the children too! Year 2 children at Christ Church made some lovely Christmas decorations and cards which were the most precious items we included in the elderly packs, and they were delighted with them.

Altogether we delivered 150 packs to the Families and 50 Christmas hampers, we also carried out 192 deliveries to the elderly and isolated. We are currently making plans for the next Family Pack day in April.

We are still making phone calls on a regular basis to some of the elderly in our community who wanted to have that contact with the church.

We are so grateful to our wonderful team of helpers who have enabled us to deliver so many bags safely at such a difficult time. We are also grateful to our church family who have regularly helped us with donations, their time and prayer. We know the help we have given has been much appreciated by all the families and elderly people.

We thank God for blessing this project and pray that we may continue to serve Him in this way.

Clair Culligan and Jane Fisher

WORK WITH CHILDREN/FAMILIES

TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler group started up again on Tuesday mornings in September in the Parish Centre. Beth Croft and Steph Daly from Leasowe Early Years are running it and we have a team of helpers who provide refreshments and are available to chat to the parents. They use our toys but also bring sensory activities for the babies and alter them every week.

At present they are booking in the families every week to ensure we don't exceed 15 which is the limit at the moment. We have been fully booked each week and the parents and children who are mostly 2 and under have enjoyed being able to meet together.

Leasowe Early Years do not charge for their groups so they weren't allowed to ask for an entrance fee. With this in mind, the Family Pack Project donated £350 to the church to help with costs for the first term. We have asked for donations from the parents towards running costs and for refreshments. They have all willingly donated so it wasn't felt necessary to continue with funding from the Family Pack.

We pray before the start of each session and Steph and Beth are happy for us to do this. They are also happy for us to advertise church events to the group and they also put them on their website at Leasowe Early Years.

At Christmas all the children received a book from us about the true meaning of Christmas.

I would like to thank all the helpers who help willingly with refreshments every week.

Clair Culligan

SUNDAY CLUB

During the first half of the year we were still meeting on-line with material being sent out to the children, also material was sent to all the children at Christ Church School, so that they were able to feel part of the church community. The second half of the year we were able to meet each week in person looking at different bible stories and learning how to be disciples. The children are also still taking part in the family service once a month. Thanks to Jill and Gill for teaching the children each week.

Gwen Cousins

YOUTH CLUB

Christ church Youth group is open to young people of Senior school age. The group runs currently on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month during school term time between 6 and 7.30pm. The Young people are given the chance to play games in the hall to begin with, we have food, a short thought or word from the bible, we try and make this something short that will stick in their memory and that they can use when life is getting tough. We then finish the evening in the upstairs youth room with Pool, Table tennis etc and a tuck shop.

We have had a group of 7 young people attending on a regular basis throughout 2021. I would like to thank Kat Taylor and Jane Fisher for their support in 2021,

sadly they both had to stand down in September this year and I am very grateful to Many Smith and Graham cousins for stepping in and allowing the group to continue to meet. We are in desperate need of more volunteers to ensure we can continue to run in 2022. We believe that our work with these (mostly non church children) is a vital part of the churches mission to make and grow disciples, as leaders we believe it is our role to be disciples and model what this looks like to the young people who attend. We pray for God's continued blessing on this work in 2022.

Lynda Jones

BUILDING THE CHURCH – OUTREACH & DISCIPLESHIP

HOME GROUPS

Our home groups are a special part of Christ Church as we can meet up during the week and really look through the study that Graham has prepared for us. We had six home groups but sadly the Tuesday afternoon one has had to close which leaves us with five, three on Wednesday evening, a Tuesday night and a popular Thursday afternoon. We have around 40 people in the groups which is so encouraging.

During restrictions the groups moved online where possible then, when allowed, they resumed to meet in person. It has always been good to share and be able to pray for each other in our groups as we continue to be growing disciples and upholding on another. It's with such thankful hearts that we have been truly blessed by the studies Graham has prepared for us over so many years. Thank you so much Graham for all you have done. May God guide us each moment of the day to love and serve one another.

May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Carol Allen

MEN'S BREAKFAST & LADIES LUNCH

Men's Breakfast met up for a social event in November 2021 but both groups will be back next year.



Moreton Christ Church C of E Primary School

Together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.



At Christ Church School we are blessed with a strong, supportive community; a community that were unified despite many challenges in 2021. We are incredibly grateful to Reverend Cousins and the clergy team for their flexibility, providing worship remotely supporting school staff and families in prayer remotely during lockdowns and then working with us to provide staggered face to face collective worship once we returned to school. This certainly kept the spiritual life of the school thriving despite the disruption as a result of COVID19.

During school closure... Team Christ Church worked really hard to promote and celebrate our community's resilience, support and togetherness during school closures as a result of the pandemic. We had lots of fun making a video to demonstrate how we have



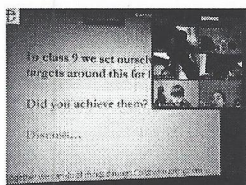
Community Challenge!

managed to stay together, despite being apart in so many different ways. We regularly had challenges and that brought the community



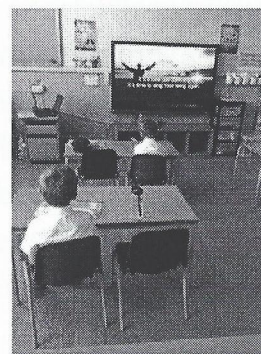
events together.

Please click this link or use this QR code to see exactly how much joy this brought to our whole community:
<https://youtu.be/q1P0sQt8q40>



We kept in touch with families during the lockdown to ensure that their needs were met; practical materials were distributed including food hampers, homework and regular calls.

We are so grateful for Christ Church Parish who supported us in prayer and with regular online worship to keep the children and families engaged spiritually. In July 2021, we had a monitoring visit from a Diocesan consultant who stated that *"worship at the school is highly valued, engaging and joyful. Pupils say how much they look forward to worship and benefit from time strengthening their school community, learning about and experiencing this aspect of the Christian faith."*



Post school closure...

Onsite swimming: During the summer term we



provided an onsite swimming pool for our children to access and every child had swim sessions with the qualified swimming



instructors. This has been a huge success and we are hopeful to have the pool for a longer period next year. Staff have been very supportive; giving their time after school for our youngest children to have a splash and we have all been so happy to see and hear the joy from our pupils.

Ethos group

Our ethos group, called FoF (Fans of Faith) have been active around school. They planned, resourced and led a Christmas prayer journey for the whole school's Christmas reflection day. They were rewarded for their contributions to promoting our Christian ethos with a one night residential trip. The children enjoyed lots of fun experiencing awe and wonder at Moreton beach, worked cooperatively at Barnstondale and then enjoyed food and fellowship at our school sleepover! What a super time we had, please click this link to watch a video of their experience: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0M9se6Lcl1l>

Effect of group

Our first group, called for them at first had been in the group - they
themselves, however, and had a Christian prayer group for the whole school
that was reflection day. They were not asked for their contribution to
providing the Christian - they with a new light came that day. It was
expected that the experiment was to be done at a certain point, which
occurred only at the moment, and then to begin to work, and then to be
stopped. What a great time we had, then, but it was a very
short experience, however, and we were very happy.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

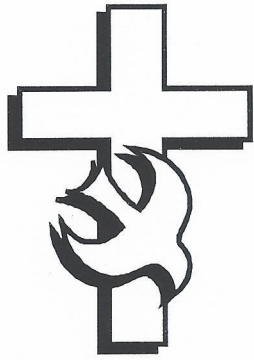
Due to the pandemic, Wallasey Deanery Synod met only twice during 2021. Once in May on Zoom, where the main agenda item was to discuss the process for nominations to Diocesan Synod. Then again in September when we were able to meet face-to-face.

On that occasion synod looked at a number of national and diocesan initiatives several of which Christ Church has since engaged or will be engaging with such as the Clergy Wellbeing Covenant, Living in Love and Faith and Everyday Faith.

The sharing of items for prayer for each parish again played an important part at the start of our meetings, and these are generally shared with members after the meeting to enable us to continue to support our deanery in prayer.

During 2021 we had 3 clergy and 2 elected lay members of Synod: Rev'd Graham Cousins, Rev'd Debbi Stott, Rev'd Betty Turner, Beryl Blackman and Lindsey Lawrence.

Rev'd Debbi Stott



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Annual Accounts

For the year ended

31st December 2021

Christ Church

Methodist Episcopal Church



Annual Accounts

For the year ended

31st December 2021

Christ Church Moreton Balance Sheet

| | | |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Dec-20 | Fixed Assets | Dec-21 |
| £300,000.00 | Parish centre | £300,000.00 |
| £300,000.00 | | £300,000.00 |
| | Current Assets | |
| £25,014.62 | CAF Deposit account | £18,886.36 |
| £2,631.62 | Santander current account | £5,895.62 |
| £6,274.94 | CAF Current account | £7,377.53 |
| £31,749.83 | CAF/Shawtrust 60 day account | £31,933.79 |
| £8.12 | Flower fund | £35.59 |
| £100.80 | Petty cash | £163.28 |
| £25.00 | Youth cash | £0.00 |
| £5,388.30 | Gift Aid reclaim | £5,330.05 |
| £520.00 | Funeral Fees Debtors | £40.00 |
| £1,857.86 | Prepayments | £2,014.10 |
| £73,571.10 | | £71,676.32 |
| | Current Liabilities | |
| £580.00 | Wedding fees rec'd | £380.00 |
| £272.00 | Fees owed | £167.00 |
| £998.00 | Diocese fees owed | £875.00 |
| £1,935.46 | Shortfall in Parish Share 2017 | £1,935.46 |
| £6,258.85 | Shortfall in Parish Share 2018 | £6,258.85 |
| £999.06 | Shortfall in Parish share 2019 | £999.06 |
| £10,142.29 | Shortfall in Parish share 2020 | £6,700.92 |
| | Shortfall in Parish Share 2021 | £4,607.58 |
| £1,090.75 | Accruals | £3,490.36 |
| (£59.25) | Gas accrual | £985.44 |
| (£715.24) | United utilites Parish centre balance | (£437.30) |
| (£282.29) | Elec Accrual | £100.00 |
| £21,219.63 | | £26,062.37 |
| £52,351.47 | | |
| £352,351.47 | Long term Liabilities | |
| | | |
| | Balance of funds (Main Account) | £345,613.95 |
| £296,777.63 | Balance of unrestricted funds | £297,214.82 |
| £12,534.21 | Balance of funds (Restricted) | £8,048.80 |
| £3,623.70 | Balance of funds (Family pack) | £3,435.08 |
| £188.33 | Balance of funds (Deanery accounts) | £188.33 |
| £39,227.59 | Balance of funds (Designated) | £36,726.92 |
| £352,351.46 | TOTAL BALANCE OF FUNDS | £345,613.95 |

Christ Church Moreton Accounts

| YTD | | YTD |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| £53,532.21 | INCOME | £53,673.55 |
| £1,693.97 | Planned Giving | £2,897.23 |
| £10,228.37 | Cash collections | £10,626.81 |
| £6,113.53 | Income tax refunds | £14,874.15 |
| £1,580.00 | Donations | £1,319.00 |
| | Hall Hire | |
| £73,148.08 | | £83,390.74 |
| £275.23 | Bank Interest | £185.70 |
| £1,707.00 | Funeral Fees | £3,055.00 |
| £351.00 | Wedding Fees | £954.00 |
| £600.00 | DBF Unrestricted grant | £420.00 |
| £171.79 | The Tea Bar | £127.05 |
| £395.10 | Toddlers | £445.45 |
| £247.65 | Mens Breakfast | £270.35 |
| £61.90 | Family Breakfast | £ - |
| £59.00 | Ladies Lunch | £ - |
| £120.00 | Open Church | £ - |
| £176.21 | TLC | £ - |
| £191.21 | Events | £ - |
| £ - | | |
| £77,504.17 | 80 | £88,848.29 |
| 71% | EXPENDITURE | 62% |
| £54,743.52 | Parish Share | £55,154.10 |
| £803.03 | Rector Expenses and Phone | £690.21 |
| £2,288.38 | Rector House costs | £2,470.82 |
| £ - | Curate Expenses and Phone | £ - |
| £953.91 | Church Utilities | £1,389.63 |
| £4,597.29 | Church Insurance | £4,620.94 |
| £310.80 | Church repairs and Maint | £1,916.00 |
| £499.59 | Service expense | £229.04 |
| £55.22 | Childrens/youth work | £40.66 |
| £ - | Flowers, publicity, Decoration | £ - |
| £515.83 | Copyright Licences | £686.92 |
| £424.85 | Churchyard water | £492.61 |
| £637.66 | Gardening and waste collection | £432.61 |
| £1,565.85 | Parish centre Utilities | £1,757.83 |
| (£502.78) | Parish centre water | £357.92 |
| £2,084.70 | Parish centre cleaner/cleaning | £2,773.12 |
| £681.67 | Parish centre repairs and maint | £350.32 |
| £87.55 | Cleaning | £48.42 |
| £96.45 | Food for centre | £143.83 |
| £6,702.15 | Office wages | £6,583.97 |
| £625.50 | Office stationery and computer | £654.96 |

Christ Church Moreton Accounts

| YTD | | YTD |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| £397.59 | Office telephone | £520.50 |
| £144.09 | Office petty cash and general expense | £111.87 |
| £ - | Toddlers | £ - |
| £111.84 | Mens breakfast | £112.94 |
| £31.78 | Ladies Lunch | £ - |
| £46.05 | Family Breakfast | £ - |
| £122.19 | TLC | £ - |
| £103.85 | Bank charges | £127.60 |
| £ - | Costs from Restricted funds account | £162.20 |
| £ - | Christ Church School expenses | £ - |
| £141.98 | Events | £ - |
| £360.00 | Professional costs | £360.00 |
| £ - | Donations | £565.00 |
| £78,681.79 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £82,754.02 |
| | Account Transfers | |
| £5,522.62 | Tithe | £5,657.08 |
| £ - | | £ - |
| £303,477.87 | Opening Balance | £296,777.63 |
| £77,504.17 | Income for the year | £88,848.29 |
| £78,681.79 | Expenditure for the year | £82,754.02 |
| £5,522.62 | Account transfers | £5,657.08 |
| £296,777.63 | Balance of funds (Main Account) | £297,214.82 |

Designated Funds account

| YTD | INCOME | YTD |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| £5,522.62 | Missionary fund | £5,657.08 |
| £2,000.00 | Covid 19 grant | £ - |
| | Music group | £1,429.99 |
| | Toys for church | £300.00 |
| | MCYC sponsorship | £700.00 |
| | Training for youth and Children | £866.98 |
| | Parish centre decoration | £1,000.00 |
| £0.00 | Legacy income | £ - |
| £7,522.62 | TOTAL INCOME | £9,954.05 |
| | EXPENDITURE | |
| £400.00 | Missionary payments | £10,900.00 |
| £1,212.08 | Newton Way rent | £ - |
| £2,000.00 | Streaming equipment fund from Diocese | £ - |
| | Music group | £1,374.46 |
| | Toys for church | £ - |
| | Training for youth and children | £ - |
| | MCYC sponsorship | £ - |
| £0.00 | Lights in parish centre0 | £180.26 |
| £3,612.08 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £12,454.72 |
| £35,317.05 | Opening balance | £39,227.59 |
| £7,522.62 | Income for the year | £9,954.05 |
| £3,612.08 | Expenditure for the year | £12,454.72 |
| £39,227.59 | Balance of funds | £36,726.92 |

Restricted fund account

| YTD | INCOME | YTD |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| £9,872.93 | Children and families worker | £2,010.00 |
| | Youth donations | £874.65 |
| £1,447.50 | Holiday at Home | £ - |
| £0.00 | Flowers | £230.66 |
| £0.00 | Shine | £1,582.80 |
| £1,067.98 | Chairs/Furniture | £180.26 |
| £300.00 | Streaming equipment | £8,748.75 |
| £1,416.67 | Parish centre works | £20,286.15 |
| | Covid grant Council | £3,680.00 |
| | Gardening | £25.00 |
| | Shoeboxes | £28.60 |
| £16.51 | Christian Aid | £ - |
| £0.00 | Christmas card | £459.23 |
| £0.00 | Church weekend | £ - |
| £305.00 | through income | £348.73 |
| £194.44 | | £ - |
| £0.00 | | |
| £14,621.03 | TOTAL INCOME | £38,454.83 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| £0.00 | 150th Anniversary | £ - |
| | Youth work | £158.69 |
| | Training | £75.00 |
| £37.72 | Flowers | £200.34 |
| £0.00 | Foodbank | £ - |
| £410.66 | Big christmas card | £ - |
| £0.00 | Shine | £1,000.43 |
| £11,836.12 | Children and families worker | £3,704.33 |
| £568.91 | Church Weekend | £ - |
| £141.65 | Cooker | £18.50 |
| £40.00 | Shoeboxes | £ - |
| £1,020.40 | Streaming equipment | £13,481.31 |
| | Parish centre works | £20,286.15 |
| | Covid grant Council | £3,680.00 |
| £1,637.92 | Parish centre lights | £ - |
| £1,108.24 | Chairs/Furniture | £ - |
| £176.46 | Through costs | £335.49 |
| £0.00 | Christian Aid | £ - |
| £16,978.08 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £42,940.24 |
| £14,891.26 | Opening balance | £12,534.21 |
| £14,621.03 | Family pack | |
| | Income for the year | £38,454.83 |
| £16,978.08 | Expenditure for the year | £42,940.24 |
| £12,534.21 | Balance of funds | £8,048.80 |

Wallasey Deanery accounts

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| YTD | INCOME | YTD |
| £0.00 | Church donations | £ - |
| £0.00 | | £ - |
| £0.00 | TOTAL INCOME | £ - |
| | EXPENDITURE | |
| £108.79 | Mileage | £ - |
| £0.00 | | £ - |
| £0.00 | | £ - |
| £108.79 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £ - |
| £297.12 | Opening balance | £188.33 |
| £0.00 | Income for the year | £ - |
| £108.79 | Expenditure for the year | £ - |
| £188.33 | Balance of funds | £188.33 |

Family pack accounts

| YTD | INCOME | YTD |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| £275.00 | General donations | £210.00 |
| £3,729.18 | Grants | £1,707.56 |
| £62.35 | Easter Eggs | £289.00 |
| £0.00 | BBQ | £ - |
| £0.00 | Events | £ - |
| £194.80 | Hampers | £935.50 |
| £0.00 | | £ - |
| £0.00 | | £ - |
| £4,261.33 | TOTAL INCOME | £3,142.06 |
| | EXPENDITURE | |
| £76.77 | Clothes | £43.00 |
| £1,338.78 | Personal Hygiene | £869.55 |
| £375.39 | Linens | £183.84 |
| £112.72 | General expense | £485.44 |
| £0.00 | Printing | £ - |
| £72.75 | Easter Eggs | £153.00 |
| £358.32 | toys and stationery items | £112.60 |
| £92.95 | Christian Material | £122.65 |
| £184.81 | Sun cream | £26.84 |
| £111.05 | Events | £ - |
| £39.20 | Food | £ - |
| £1,292.12 | Hampers | £1,333.76 |
| £0.00 | | £ - |
| £0.00 | | £ - |
| £4,054.86 | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | £3,330.68 |
| £3,417.23 | Opening balance | £3,623.70 |
| £4,261.33 | Income for the year | £3,142.06 |
| £4,054.86 | Expenditure for the year | £3,330.68 |
| £3,623.70 | Balance of funds | £3,435.08 |



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF CHRIST CHURCH MORETON

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST DECEMBER 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1152051

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

A. Turner

Date:

11TH APRIL 2022

Name:

ANNE TURNER

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

