



St Matthew's

Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



APCM ANNUAL REPORT

Churchwardens' Report 2022

The year 2022 saw great changes in the life of our church. The most momentous of these was the departure of David and Lucy Brewster in July for a new ministry as wardens of Foxhill. Since David had been vicar of our parish since its inception in 2007, and prior to that vicar of St Mark's since 2003, he had played a central role in all that had taken place in the life of the church and the parish. The great regard in which David and Lucy were held by many in the church and in the wider community was fully marked at their departure in July, and they continue to be held in great affection by many.

For the period following David's departure the Bishop of Stockport, Sam Corley, proposed an interim arrangement with a final year curate based in Marple, who he felt would benefit from some additional experience. Jeremy Beatty (Jeb) joined the team on placement in August, to assist the wardens and the church as whole through the vacancy period. This was on the clear understanding that legal responsibility for the oversight of the church remained with the wardens and the arrangement did not place St Matthew's or Jeb under any long-term obligation.

Jeb has continued David's positive work with local schools, taken baptisms and funerals, supported Telephone Prayers, Wednesday Communion, Toddle Time and built relationships with church members. He has regularly led Sunday services, preaching and presiding and was very involved in the planning and delivery of the Christmas programme. The combination of lay ministry and having Jeb as a resource has enabled the church to sustain its programme through the vacancy period.

We are grateful to Jeb for all his efforts to maintain the life of the church over this period. We are appreciative of his willingness to throw himself fully into all aspects



of church life, of his warmth and good humour, of his good organisation, and of his care and guidance of our church family.

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric of the Building

2022 saw the completion of the substantial internal reordering of the church building which was begun the previous year. The major changes were: removal of the old internal west porch and its replacement by internal glazed doors; removal of the font from its central position under the tower to a position adjacent to the south column of the tower arch, with a new plinth, thus allowing unobstructed access to the nave and a clear view of the church interior from the west end; creation of two toilets in the south porch, one of them fully accessible; a new, more substantial kitchen area in the south-west corner of the nave; creation of a nave dais, with internal ramp, extending from the old chancel step; installation of two new central heating boilers in the old organ space; adapting of the organ space to be a storage area, with the organ speakers positioned on high shelves; replacement of nave pews by chairs.

The error of disposing of the pews before the faculty for the changes was received led to a Consistory Court being held in June. This criticised the illegality of our actions but approved the faculty for the changes.

Repair work remains to be done, including stonework repairs specified in the last Quinquennial Inspection, gutter repairs, and making good of broken flagstones on the drive, but overall the building is now in good shape for the future.



Community Development report for APCM

During 2020/21, the groups who normally meet in church were supported through creative use of Church House and gardens or a local community centre. It was good to finally welcome our community back into church following the completion of the building project in the summer. Our Community Development Manager (CDM) supported the building project by securing around £30K in grants towards the work, as well as implementing the Adopt-a-Chair project which secured over £11K in grants and donations. It was good to see the return of the Christmas Fair, which was very well attended by the local community. Across the community, our CDM continued to raise the profile of the church through her connections with other churches, venues, schools, charities and community groups, helping them build sustainability through networking and securing funding. Towards the end of 2021, a grant was secured from the local council to open a Warm Space, offering free lunches, hot drinks, and a place to chat to all in our community. During this year, our CDM celebrated 10 years in her role and the celebration event to mark the occasion was attended by over 60 people, with 20 different organisations represented. The Friendly Fridays project, of which our CDM is a co-project lead, continues to go from strength to strength and is seen as a flagship project across the whole of Stockport.

Pam Robinson

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union meets every third Saturday at 1pm in Church. We have 15 members to date, we have, sadly, lost 4 members this year due to personal circumstances or the rather substantial rise in Tribute subscription.

At the moment we do not have a Branch Leader as Rita stood down from Office in January, nor do we have a Treasurer as Sandra also stood down in January, but is continuing to deal with the money until the end of the year.

At our last meeting it was agreed, due to the lack of Officers, to change our Status to become a Fellowship of the Mothers' Union. This means we have no Officers, no Bank Account and no AGM, we pay our Tribute Subs direct to Head Office and any Fund Raising money is also sent direct into the Denary Bank Account. We still receive the Mothers' Union Matters Brochure each quarter and can still attend all the various events.

We have decided to postpone applying for Fellowship until the end of this year, as we need to have the authority of our Incumbent, which we cannot do at the moment. Also, we have paid our Tribute, our Branch Subs and our Denary Subs for this year, so it makes sense to wait.

We have a full Programme planned for this year with various Speakers and activities and anyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

We would like to thank Rita and Sandra for their Service to us over the years and Jeb and Julie for their support.

Di Bebb, Secretary.



Choir

Well, what can we say, we are a very small group at the moment, but we love to get together and sing for the Glory of God. We only sing once a month as a choir now and we are grateful for that opportunity, it means so much to us.

We want to say a MASSIVE thank you to Heather who has supported us so much and plays for us on our 'Choir Day', thanks Heather – you're a star.

Of course, anyone who wants to join us will be very welcome, just have a word with one of us.

We do enjoy getting together to sing with others when Corrine and Andy have something special for us to sing, what a treat to sing with parts in a large choir, thank you to Corrine and Andy for making those moments happen.

Thank you to all who support our little band – for us - we will 'keeeep singing' for as long as we can.

Di Bebb

Toddle Time report

April 2022 - Apr 2023

What an eventful year we have had! In April 2022, we were a small group of regulars meeting in York Street Community Centre. The space was not ideal, but it enabled us to support our families as best we could, whilst the work in St Matthew's was completed.

In June 2022, we moved back to Church House gardens, where we were able to provide sand, water and messy play. We also had to say "goodbye" to David and his guitar – song time hasn't been the same since!

Then finally, we were able to move into the new space of St Matthew's – and it's been brilliant on all levels. Numbers have grown around our faithful attenders, as we have expanded into the space that is now so easy to create.

In October, we were able to celebrate 10 years of Toddle Time – with additional funding from Forever Manchester allowing us to provide each family with a party bag. On a week by week basis, we are able to self-fund our activities, but small grants like this mean we can buy treats to help our families feel like they belong.



We have been able to watch our children develop in skills and in confidence, and run up the (long) path to come and play. Their parents, grandparents and carers are well known to the team, as we are able to spend time chatting with them, finding out a little about their lives. And often news will reach the team and the prayer chain as needed. It's wonderful to know that our families are supported in prayer from the congregation.

We have had some really positive feedback from our families, that I want to share here as it is testament to all the people that make it happen every week: Sylvia, Mike, Becca, Audrey, Heather P, Sandra, Heather T, Gabby and Jeb.

"Thanks to you and the team who make Fridays what they are"

"Thank you! It's an amazing service that you provide"

"Just to say that x and y are loving your toddler group. It is very welcoming and is very well run"

Karen Bailey

Safeguarding Report for 2022

A safeguarding issue was reported to St Matthew's, however, as this was an external matter it was dealt with externally.

All relevant DBS checks were updated.

June Edgar applied to be Assistant Safeguarding Recruiter in December '22.

The following online Safeguarding training courses were completed, however, a few volunteers still to complete:



Basic Awareness

Foundation

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

Online Safeguarding Officer Training was cancelled and rescheduled for April '23.

Leadership Training still to be completed as cancelled.

Karen Perry

Safeguarding Officer

Deanery Synod Report

Stockport Deanery synod meet and discuss what is going on in their churches, diocese & general synod (what is going on at national level) one of the topics discussed was about church ages ranges with a guest speaker of Jonathan Masters from Chester diocesan youth/children & families office.

The meeting are conducted in Church with a short service before the minutes & agenda.

Mark Rushton

Financial Report

We have had a 7% nominal increase in gift aid giving compared with last year, little nominal change in non-gift aided planned giving. Other types of giving are down by £3k, partially because of a large one-off donation last year, partially because some Church House bookings were miscategorised as ordinary donations shortly after it reopened. The treasurer and the church warden have since improved their communication in Church House matters and the 2022 Church House figures should be correct.



There was a significant mistake in the 2021 accounts; the restricted charity collections in 2021 should have been £2654. This error occurred from copying over two wrong spreadsheet data cells into the annual report's restricted charity collection and donations sections and does not affect the remainder of the 2021 accounts. The actual £1.3k fall in restricted collection is due mainly to the one-off sponsored walk in 2021, together with there being a much larger collection for Barnabus in April 2021.

The income tax recovered is roughly in-line with the gift aid giving increase. For other income sources, we received a number of grants towards our community development manager, including a single £10k grant. We also received a £1.2k grant from the diocese towards energy bills, although this does not come close to covering the increased energy costs. We held a Christmas fair in 2022, for the first time in 3 years, hence the reappearance of fund raising events. Church and Church House booking fees have recovered to pre-lockdown levels. There has been no substantial change in the Cellnex mast rates; the apparent increase is due to irregular scheduling of their quarterly payments.

We received two large legacies in 2022 totalling £37k, all unrestricted. The treasurer is now categorising donations for refreshments as sundry receipts, hence the increase in this amount.

We received a total of £14k of grants towards building works in 2022, largely towards the chairs. We purchased the chairs and paid the builders for the building works and were able to reclaim VAT of £20.7k towards remaining payments and future works.

There was significantly more expenditure on church building works (£108k) compared with the previous year. This sum is almost entirely composed of paying the building contractors for completing the planned church development works and the purchase of chairs.

The obvious major change in church activities costs is the doubling of utilities expenses, caused by the well-publicised increases in energy prices.

Arthur Bullock

Assets & Liabilities December 2022

Monetary Assets

	£	£
Current Bank Account		
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	27,806	
Other Accounts		



St Matthew's Vernon		
Account	24,159	
CBF		
Deposit	67,542	
		<u>119,507</u>
Designated Funds		
Legacies/ In		
Memory	25,567	
Flowers	327	
Children's Church	578	
Oil		
Candles		
Restricted Funds		
and Grants		
Friends of the Holy		
Land	9	
Community Development		
Manager Donations	25,860	
Buildings		
Church Refurbishment and		
Restricted Maintenance	27,440	
		<u>79,781</u>
		39,726

Receipt & Payment Accounts

	2022		2021	
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Donors				
Gift Aid Giving	47095		44153	
Planned Giving	2267		2287	
Collections and other giving	2411		5431	
Restricted Collections for charity	1296		5403	
Income Tax recovered	13987		12729	
	67,055		70,002	



Voluntary Income from other sources

Grants R*	Community Development Manager	27715	22470	
Grant R*	HMRC job retention (2 salaries)		4277	
	CDBF energy grant	1218		
	Fund Raising events	934		
		29,866		26,747

Income from Investments

Interest	663	126	
	663		126

Income from charitable and ancillary trading

Fees	1166	2156	
Church Booking Fees	895	360	
Church House Booking	3350		
Sale of furniture	200		
Printing			
Cellnex	11094	7955	
SMBC council tax refund	455		
EIG			
	17,159		10,471

Other Income

Legacy	37263		
Sundry Receipts	804		
	38,067		-

Buildings

Grant R*	Reclaimed VAT (building work)	20753	1582	
Grant R*	SMBC (to mount memorial boards)			
Grant R*	Building work grants	14260	38677	
		35,013		40,259

Total Receipts

187,824 **147,607**

Payments

		£	£	£	£
Grants					
	Charitable Giving	1330	5403		
		1,330		5,403	
Activities directly related to the work of the church					
	Parish Share	56397	55154		
	Ministry Expenses	4855	5284		
	Church Running Costs	8986	8120		
	Utilities	4833	2358		
	Church House Running Costs	997	969		



	Cost of Services		0	
Grant R* part	Salaries incl. NI & Pension	30879	29853	
	Support costs & mission		0	
D*	Children's church			
		106,947		101,737
Church Management & Administration				
	Fund Raising Expenses	96	98	
	Administration	723	1252	
	Printing Costs	1234	1667	
		2,053		3,016
Other				
	Flowers			
	Sundry Payments			-
Buildings				
Grant R*	Roofing Project	108253		
R*	Church Refurbishment	9	40300	
R*	Church House			
		108,253		40,300
<u>Total</u>				
<u>Payments</u>		<u>218,581</u>		<u>150,456</u>
R*= Restricted Funds				
D*= Designated Funds				



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	Fund Raising events	934			
			29866		26747
Income from Investments					
	Interest	629		126	
			629		126
Income from charitable and ancillary trading					
	Fees	1166		2156	
	Church Booking Fees	895		360	
	Church House Booking	3350			
	Sale of furniture	200			
	Printing				
	Cellnex	11094		7955	
	SMBC council tax refund	455			
	EIG				
			17159		10471
Other Income					
	Legacy	37263			
	Sundry Receipts	804			
			38067		0
Buildings					
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Grant R*	SMBC (to mount memorial boards)				
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			35013		40259
<u>Total Receipts</u>			<u>187790</u>		<u>147607</u>

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Sundry Payments				
		0		0
Buildings				
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R* Church House				
		108253		40300
<u>Total Payments</u>		<u>218581</u>		<u>150456</u>

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parish of Edgeley and
Cheadle Heath Parochial Church Council**

I report on the accounts for the year ending 2022 which are set out on the attached sheets.

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

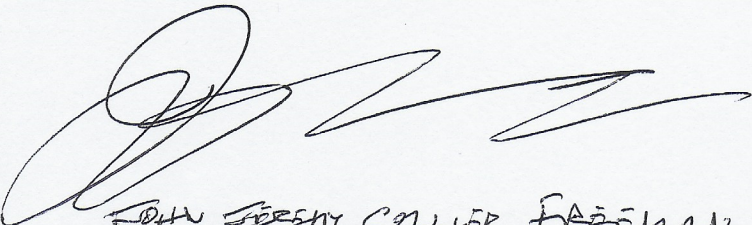
Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a view of the accounting methods kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion of the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me reasonable cause to believe that accounting methods were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or the accounts do not accord with the accounting methods.

I 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.



JOHN JOSEPH COLLIER FREEMAN

J.J.C. Freeman