



All Saints Parish Church

Cheadle Hulme



Registered Charity 1131779

Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2017

Report of the Parochial Church Council of the activities, life and finances of All Saints Parish Church, Cheadle Hulme and its associated organisations.

This report was presented to and adopted by the Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints, Cheadle Hulme

PCC Chairman 14th March 2018

Section One – Background

Introduction

Consecrated in 1863, All Saints is the original parish church of Cheadle Hulme, a suburban area 10 miles south of Manchester and 3 miles south-west of the centre of Stockport. It is now one of three Anglican churches in Cheadle Hulme, the others being St Andrews and Emmanuel. The church is situated on Church Road in Cheadle Hulme.

The Parish of All Saints is situated in the southern half of Cheadle Hulme, a mainly residential suburb in the Borough of Stockport, Greater Manchester, and has a population of approximately 13,500.

It is in the Province of York, Diocese of Chester, Archdeaconry of Macclesfield and Deanery of Cheadle.

The PCC has the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church building, other Church property and assets, management and reporting of the Church's finances and its outward giving.

It also has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical.

The Annual Report and Accounts 2017

This document is the eighteenth report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of All Saints, Cheadle Hulme and its associated organisations.

- **Section One – Background** – introduces the report, with the Vicar's Letter and an introduction to our new Mission Statement, around which the report is based.
- **Sections Two to Four – Life of the Church** – sets out a review of the activities of each of the groups and organisations of the Church, in three separate sections to reflect how they contribute to the Mission of our Church and the life of the Parish.
- **Section Five – The PCC** - sets out the membership, administration and activities of the PCC in 2017.
- **Section Six – Finance** - sets out our approach to Finance and key accounting policies adopted by the PCC.
- **Section Seven** - presents the **Financial Accounts** for the Year Ending 31 December 2017, and the Independent Examiner's Report on those accounts.

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Once again it is my pleasure to introduce our annual report for 2017.

Our main priorities as a PCC last year were to continue to build on the success of "Mainly Music" and "Messy Church" and to establish a prayer area in church.

Once again Mainly Music has been very popular and has also been a blessing to those who help. We are still in the process of discerning how best to meet the needs of busy parents who would like to bring their children to church.

We continue to have a large number of baptisms and, for a few, Mainly Music has been a helpful thing to keep in touch.

Our curate Becky left last March to take up her first incumbency in Cumbria. Her time with us has been a great blessing and a huge help to me. Some of us were able to attend her licensing service at St Bees. With the extra workload I have been most grateful to Pat and Michael for their continued hard work and support and to everyone who has been patient with me!

It has been an encouraging year. One of our adult members was baptised and Clare Russell and Linda Ackerley were accepted for Pastoral Worker training. We also introduced a new website.

Church groups and individuals have enthusiastically taken on board our Mission Statement and offer valuable help with the worship, outreach and fellowship within the church.

Last year we had six weddings, 20 baptisms and, with the help of Rev David Parker, 13 funerals in church.

We have seen new people join us for our regular Sunday worship and our organist Trevlyn has given valuable help and advice to the leadership team as well as training our choir. A full report on the activities of the choir is in this report.

Home groups have met regularly at the Vicarage as well as the Bible study group held at Constance and David Jones' house. Those attending have found the fellowship, support and discussion helpful. We have continued with our special bereavement and Advent service as well as prayer meetings.

Our Churchwardens Janet and John have worked very hard last year. The PCC has given wise and supportive counsel, as we consolidated projects started and discussed what we need to do in the future. I am grateful to Linda Ackerley for taking on the role of PCC secretary following Sheila's retirement. Our treasurer Jeremy has helped the PCC immensely with his care and explanation of our accounts. Although, on paper, we may look to be a church in a stable financial position the fact that our income does not meet our outgoings leaves us in a vulnerable position.

We now have a new prayer table, bought partly through the generous donations and specific legacies given to the church. I hope that, as time passes it will be used regularly as a place for quiet meditation and prayer. We also plan to relocate the library to this area.

We have enjoyed some good fellowship through the various groups and also the coffee mornings and events organised by the Charities Committee. We have also shared some sad times as we have said goodbye to some much-loved members of our congregation. We have supported one another in strength and weakness. I believe there is a strong bond of love in our church which also overflows to the wider community. It has been a privilege to serve the church as your Vicar.

Thank you for taking time to read the All Saints Annual Report, thank you to all those who have helped in its production and thank you to all those who have worked so hard to look after the church and forward its mission last year.

Rev Janet Bacon

All Saints Mission Statement

All Saints Church Cheadle Hulme seeks to be a church which:

- **Reaches up** – glorifying God in our worship and providing a welcoming and sacred space where everyone can be helped to worship God in the beauty of holiness.
- **Reaches out** – being part of our community, serving our community and sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ by word and action.
- **Reaches in** – providing a caring, inclusive and nurturing environment where we can help each other on our spiritual journey.

Section Two – The Life of the Church

Our Mission – Reaching Up

Reaches up – glorifying God in our worship and providing a welcoming and sacred space where everyone can be helped to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

A range of groups and activities help us to achieve our Mission in this regard, in particular in supporting our worship at a range of church services, in enhancing services through the provision of music and floral displays in church, and in assisting our young people in their worship at service times.

Worship services

Our pattern of worship for this year has been as follows: -

Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 am Parish Communion (Common Worship) with an All Age Communion service on the second Sunday of the month.
	6.30 pm Evensong (BCP) with Choral Evensong on 2 nd Sunday of the month.
Tuesday	9.30 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Thursday	10.00 am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sermons are preached on Sundays at 10 am and 6.30 pm and on the Thursday 10 am service.

Changes are made to the above pattern to include a special Advent service; Ash Wednesday service (with imposition of ashes); Maundy Thursday (with foot washing); Good Friday three-hour devotional service; and Ascension Day (Celtic style Communion). Our All Age services have celebrated Mothering Sunday and Harvest and have also included a Remembrance service, Toy service and Christingle.

At Christmas time we have welcomed the Women's Institute and schools to the church for their Carol services and have also held a Candlelit Carol service and Crib service.

Our service books reflect the changing seasons of the church year and are available in large print version. For our All Age service we also use the screen and project the words.

The uniform groups have helped with the All Age services and we have used a varied liturgy in these services.

The Choir

For the choir report of 2017 I have drawn on an article by Andrew Reid, Director of the Royal Schools of Church Music, published in June 2017 Quarterly Magazine.

Most Christian denominations involve singing in at least some of their worship and Andrew Reid lists five main reasons to sing:

- to give thanks and praise
- to make lament and carry penitence
- to make petition
- to celebrate
- to encourage one another

The choir at All Saints reflects each of these aspects in the course of a liturgical year, in weekly Parish Communion, monthly Choral Evensong, occasional special services and through weekly choir practices. Choir members are called upon to engage the whole person in worship since singing involves body, mind and spirit and requires skill, talent, time, energy and commitment. This the members of All Saints Choir offer in a true sacrifice of praise: proclaiming our faith and bearing witness to God's love to and for others.

The kingdoms of this world care about measurable and attributable results, value for money, profit, productivity, cost effectiveness and accounting for time. The kingdom of God has no time sheets or profit bonuses, attainment targets, performance indicators or annual accounts – just an infectious, whole-community shared worship of the One who offers us extravagant and selfless love. This being so, the calling to sing in a church choir is deeply counter-cultural and I am privileged to lead this counter-cultural group of people.

Why not come along to a choir practice and experience this for yourself?

Trevlyn Thomas

Church Flower Group

The Flower Group has continued as it has for many years - arranging flowers on a weekly basis (apart from Lent) in the porch, chancel, cloister and on the altar. We have made special displays for weddings, funerals and any other occasions where a display of flowers will bring joy, memories or comfort.

Once again our Christmas Coffee Morning was very successful, an occasion enjoyed by all which raised nearly £600 which will be used to buy flowers and floral foam during 2018.

We are still appealing for new members as our numbers decline. This is not an onerous task. We don't expect new members to be Constance Spry or Julia Clements. A love of flowers and a willingness to learn is all that is needed. Nor would you be on duty every week, although that would be lovely, but a helping hand once in a while would be most welcome. Please think about joining us.

These fundraising events and the money raised did not form part of the PCC's accounts.

Frances Pickett, Flower Group Coordinator

Section Three – The Life of the Church

Our Mission – Reaching Out

Reaches out – being part of our community, serving our community and sharing the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ by word and action.

Our outreach covers charitable giving and support for those in need. The Charities Committee, a committee of the PCC, undertakes activities to generate funds for outward giving throughout the year, often with a secondary remit of providing social activities for church members. The church organises additional support, both financially and through prayer.

We are keen to help young people and families in their understanding of our faith. We support our young people’s uniformed groups, and the “Mainly Music” group for pre-school children and their carers, established in 2015 to fill a significant gap in our Mission, has continued to thrive and grow.

Our membership of co-ordinating bodies for faith related groups in the area assists in our understanding of and support for similar groups in the Parish, while our Parish Magazine and website help to spread our message.

Charities Committee

2017 finished on a positive note, a pattern that hopefully is set to continue. As Chair of the Committee, the Vicar explained some months ago that now she is bereft of a curate her workload has intensified. She therefore proposes that a vice-chair be elected to act as her deputy, as and when required. Barbara Booth was appointed to this role.

Excluding a very small sum set aside for expenses, all the income from the year’s events, totalling £2,700, was split equally between:

MANCHESTER STREET ANGELS – volunteers who distribute food and clothing to the City’s homeless

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY (STOCKPORT)

SIGHTSAVERS – a worldwide charity that supports the visually impaired, and whose expertise in the treatment of eye defects, particularly amongst the developing world, helps restore hope and dignity to those often branded outcasts because of being visually disadvantaged.

Outward charitable giving here at All Saints has remained remarkably resilient, as borne out by the year's fund-raising figures. Whether those figures can be replicated again in 2018 remains to be seen. The Committee is very aware of the potential impact the squeeze on people's budgets could have on its campaigning strategy long term, and in that context is reminded of the now familiar advertising slogan "every little helps" – a message it hopes will encourage voluntary giving going forward.

Joan Tansley, Charities Committee Honorary Secretary

Christian Aid

The Lent Lunch in March raised £140.

In May the house to house collection raised £1064.14. On the sponsored walk John and Elizabeth Hughes collected £395.86 and Beryl Parker raised £80. This gives a total of £1,540 for Christian Aid Week. The street collection in October raised £141 and the sponsored swim by Clare Russell in October amounted to £449. Our total for 2017 was £2,270. Additionally, much of the money was gift aided which brings in an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

In 2017 the Cheadle Hulme Churches Together sub-committee for Christian Aid raised the sum of £5,000 for The Community Partnership Project to support the work of Christian Aid in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). We have also raised a further £5,000 for a Christian Aid project in Ghana. These sums were made up of all fund raising apart from the house to house collection. The European Union matches these amounts by three times thus making a total of £20,000 for each project. We hope to be able to support another project in 2018.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed in any way to Christian Aid in 2017.

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Julia Ball

Samaritan's Purse

The congregation took part in the annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox project, and donated boxes for international relief.

Wellspring, and Chelwood Foodbank

Members of our congregation have again contributed very generously to the regular collections for Wellspring and the Foodbank. Both these organisations are as always extremely grateful for these donations as they continue to help the many people in need in Stockport.

David Jones

The Guild of Health and St Raphael

We have currently ten members, eight of whom are able to meet together once a month on the second Wednesday at 2.15 pm, and two members pray at home due to age and infirmity.

We meet to say a simple "office" and name all the people for whom we pray. Anyone who has a concern for people who are sick or in particular need is very welcome to join us. Each member receives a booklet divided into the days of the week with a list of people to be prayed for each day. We are often told how much people appreciate the fact that they are being prayed for.

Once a quarter we aim to hold a healing service on the third Thursday morning of the month, which is the Corporate Communion of the Guild. At this service, all the people on our lists are remembered. Many have expressed appreciation for this ministry of prayer with the Laying on of hands and anointing for those who wish it. We would love others to join us and experience for themselves the sense of peace and well-being it brings.

Pat Yates

Messy Church

Messy Church met four times during 2017. Thanks to a large group of helpers, it runs very well and is enjoyed by the children who attend. Good friendships with their parents are being established and some of the children took part in the crib service. The children enjoy taking part in a variety of craft activities, then after a story and prayer, have tea in the meeting room. Next year we are hoping to improve the format further.

Rev Janet Bacon

Mainly Music Pre-school Children's Group

We started Mainly Music at All Saints Church in June 2015. This is a fun music group for parents or carers of pre-school children. We meet in Church on a Monday morning at 10.30am and regularly have 12 families attending.

Throughout the 30-minute music session children are introduced to music and creativity through songs and actions with props. They then have a snack and then go through to the meeting room for supervised playtime whilst the adults have tea, coffee and cake. The music sessions take place during term-time but during the summer holidays we met up and had a teddy bears' picnic. The sessions are supported by a team of over 16 volunteers from All Saints Church who enjoy the sessions as much as the children do!

Clare Russell

2nd Heathbank Rainbows

Happy birthday to rainbows, happy birthday to rainbows, happy birthday to rainbows!

Rainbows have had a great year so far, we have been on sleepovers, written birthday cards to rainbows around the country and had a unicorn party all in celebration of our 30th birthday. The unicorn party was great fun, the rainbows made masks, unicorn biscuits, bookmarks and we sang happy birthday to rainbows and had a unicorn cake.

We have been on trips to Eureka, Rainbows on Safari, Razaam, Pets at Home, and the local fire station and we took part in a sponsored walk in Lyme Park for Children in Need. Girlguiding Stockport raised £5000! We have completed badges such as baking, unicorn, superhero and a Pudsey badge

We have also been on a sleepover at Legoland Discovery Centre at the Trafford Centre which was great fun. The Rainbows had the whole attraction to themselves where they built things with Lego, went on rides, watched a 4D film and eventually fell asleep.

We have also had Janet come and visit our unit and talk to us about Easter, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. We also made some crafts with Janet when she came. The girls love it when she comes.

Rainbows learn by doing sports, arts and crafts and play games. Being a Rainbow is all about having the space to try new things. Through taking part in a range of different activities with girls their own age, Rainbows develop self-confidence and make lots of new friends.

With the continued support of everyone at All Saints Church we can continue to carry out the Rainbow ethos.

Claire Cawley, Leader

11th Cheadle Hulme Brownies

2017 has been a fun filled year for our Brownies and they have enjoyed a varied programme.

We welcomed 10 new Brownies, and said farewell to 8 who have all fully fledged into wonderful young people.

Over the year, the girls enjoyed earning their Road Safety badge, which involved teamwork and a little homework, and their Hostess badge which saw the girls invite a member of their family for afternoon tea.

In June, we worked with The Wellspring Centre in Stockport - we invited the manager to our unit who talked to the girls about homelessness and how they help people in Stockport. We collected food and toiletries for the charity and also designed posters to help decorate the centre.

In October, 8 girls took part in the Pudsey Walk at Lyme Park together with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from across the County. Over £2500 was raised for BBC Children In Need, and the girls walked much further than anticipated without complaining (too much!)

In November, 8 girls from the unit took part in the Remembrance Day Parade in Cheadle Hulme – a first for girlguiding in the area. The girls were impeccably behaved and observed the silence beautifully, despite the cold weather. Our eldest Brownie carried our flag with great pride.

The girls also did a number of challenge badges including the 'Unicorn Challenge', where girls decorated jam jars and filled them with wishes, and wrote letters to themselves to be opened in 5 years' time. They have also completed the 'Time For Happiness Challenge', where girls learnt to relax, unwind and practice breathing exercises. Another part of this challenge saw the girls writing letters to residents at Hillbrook Grange Residential Home in Bramhall, and we are hoping to arrange a visit in the new year.

Jo Taylor (Brown Owl)

7TH Cheadle Hulme (All Saints) Cub Scout Pack

It has been another busy year at 7th with many Cubs moving onto Scouts and Beavers moving up into our Group. We've had parents coming in running the evening with Geraint presenting an Ornithology night.

Brian Newby came in on 3rd March and told us all about Scouting years back when he was a leader in our Group. He brought in loads of interesting things some of which were his father's from 1929.

We had a camp at Boarfold in April when 17 Cubs learnt all about Orienteering, ropes and a project on recognising different types of trees and plants. Wacky Woods was another outing arranged by Graham Robertson with 21 Cubs attending to do all sorts of fun things.

The AGM was a great success with many parents there and the usual prizes and awards were presented to deserving Beavers and Cub members.

Our Summer camp was at Dunham Massey where we did archery, kayaking more orienteering and grass sledging. Harry Gallo won the 'Cub of the Camp' certificate for all his efforts. We went for a night hike through Dunham Massey to the town and we saw deer and a large stag sat by an oak tree.

The water party event went down well with the Beaver section joining in. Neil Kidd the DC attended to hand out 7 Cub Scout Silver Awards to the older ones who were soon to move on.

Our final night was the 15th December when all the Cubs went to Energi Trampoline Park.

Bring on 2018 when we will be strengthening our Group and doing more exciting things.

Andy Thompson, Group Scout Leader

7TH Cheadle Hulme (All Saints) Beaver Scout Colony

Throughout 2017 we had 18 Beavers in our Colony and a growing waiting list for places. In fact, if all the enquiries on our waiting list eventually join our Colony we will have no vacancies at all until October 2019!

Our weekly meetings continued to run successfully throughout the last year due to the ongoing commitment of our two Assistant Leaders Puffin (Kirstie) and Robin (Alex). Both Kirstie and Alex contributed considerably in the planning, preparation and running of meetings and brought fresh ideas and new activities to our meetings. Sadly, in July we said goodbye to both Alex and James Holland (our DofE volunteer). In September James was replaced by Rowan Stamp (another ex-Beaver and DofE volunteer).

Before moving on to Cubs this year five of our Beavers earned all six of their Challenge Badges, so we were proud to be able to award them their Chief Scout's Bronze Award. This is the highest award a Beaver Scout can achieve

Notable events during the last 12 months have been:

Burns' Night, Founder's Day, St Patrick's Day, Mothers' Day, St George's Day, Duck-Apple Night and a Spanish evening – to name just a few! A special highlight had to be in May when Beavers made a 'Bug Hotel' as an addition to their flower-bed in the Parish Rooms car park. They also added a brightly-coloured array of bugs to their 'Bee and Butterfly Garden'. Sadly the seeds they planted to attract the bees and butterflies failed to grow...however the self-seeded nasturtiums provided a cheerful display!

Our Beavers also took part in a District Activity Day at Abney in September. This had a 'Pirate' theme and a great time was had by all collecting 'gold' coins for completing tasks, games and activities. Once again our Beavers helped to fill shoeboxes for 'Operation Christmas Child' and donated gifts for others at both the Harvest and Toy Services.

Finally, thanks to All Saints congregation for supporting our appeal for Sainsbury ActiveKids vouchers, which we exchanged for more gardening trowels, jumbo magnifiers, plastic cones, stampabouts, sticky monster mitts, and a food snap game. Sadly Sainsbury's will not be running the ActiveKids campaign again in 2018.

Jacque Metcalfe (Magpie), Beaver Scout Leader

Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme

During the past year Churches Together held their usual gatherings on Oak Meadow at Christmas and Easter. These were well attended as were the Lenten Lunches. Six meetings were held during the year - three were for business and three were for Worship and Praise, each meeting being hosted by a different church. At the AGM in September the Rev Janet Bacon retired after her extended time as Chair of Churches Together. She was heartily thanked by the meeting. We no longer have a member of the Clergy as Chair for the year. Instead, now, the minister at whose church we are holding the meeting will take the chair. In months where there is a fifth Sunday we try to arrange a joint Churches Together service. On two occasions all the churches were invited to share Evensong with us at All Saints and a good number of people joined us. CTCH provides a great opportunity to enjoy time with friends from the other churches, working and worshipping together for the sharing of the Gospel in Cheadle Hulme

Constance Jones.

Cheadle Deanery Synod

The purpose of the Synod is to provide a link between local churches and the Diocese. Cheadle Deanery Synod met three times during 2017.

The first meeting of the year, in March, was held at St Catherine's, Heald Green. The vicar of Woodford, Revd David Russell, spoke about the impact of the plans for increasing the local housing stock and the implications and opportunities for the churches. The vicar of St Catherine's, Revd James Ambrose, then spoke about the national initiative, Thy Kingdom Come, aiming to get all churches praying together that more people should come to know Jesus.

The meeting in June was at St James', Gatley. This was the first meeting of the new Synod. The evening was devoted to updating Synod about the activities, challenges and opportunities in the ten parishes in the Deanery and praying for them.

The final Synod of the year was in October, here at All Saints'. Amy Jones, a Dementia Friends Champion, spoke about dementia and how it affects both sufferers and carers. Her five key messages were:

- 1) Dementia is not a natural part of ageing,
- 2) Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain,
- 3) Dementia is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communication and doing everyday tasks,
- 4) It is possible to live well with dementia,
- 5) There is more to a person than the dementia.

All the meetings began with Worship and included financial and Synod Reports and also any notices from the Rural Dean and the parishes.

Julia Ball, PCC Deanery Synod Representative

Magazine

In 2017 we have continued to produce approximately 140 magazines each month. As ever, production of the magazine is in no way a profit-making enterprise; however, despite reducing subscribers year on year the magazine remains a vital instrument of our outreach, especially for those who cannot attend church regularly for whatever reason – it enables them to keep in touch with life at All Saints.

Christine Spencer, Magazine Secretary

Website

A new website was launched in November 2017. The various options were researched and Church Edit, a leading provider of Church websites were chosen to provide the website as they offered a website that is easy to use and has features that will enable All Saints Church to be clearly visible online. The site offers up to date information about what is happening in church together with the ability to listen to recent sermons preached in Church. The site can be viewed on line at www.allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk

Clare Russell

Section Four – The Life of the Church

Our Mission – Reaching In

Reaches in – providing a caring, inclusive and nurturing environment where we can help each other on our spiritual journey.

Church members run a range of groups providing faith related social activities for all our members. These include social and Bible study groups, enabling our members to support each other and to develop their faith.

Afternoon Bible Study Group

This small, friendly group has continued to meet at the home of David and Constance Jones, for whose generous hospitality they are most grateful.

The customary seasonal pattern of roughly fortnightly meetings has been followed with, in 2017, five sessions before Christmas and, for 2018, five sessions to follow between Christmas and Easter.

This season has been devoted to consideration of St. Paul's letters to the church he founded at Thessalonica. Our discussions have explored the problems faced by that young church, St. Paul's advice and encouragement for them and how we can apply his advice to our own circumstances today.

Our discussions take place in a warm and friendly atmosphere and anyone who would like to join us will be most welcome.

Michael Aiers and Pat Yates

New Testament Greek Study Group

This small group has, over the past year, continued with its work on St. Matthew's Gospel and that work has progressed so far that there are now only the final three chapters left to translate. The question of 'What next?' is now being pondered.

Other New Testament passages, of varying complexity, have provided material for parsing and translation, both prepared and unseen, to help broaden our experience of the texts.

We are most grateful to Irene Walton, who continues to guide our studies with erudition and good humour.

Michael Aiers

Vicarage Home Group

The home group met last year for the Lent and Advent courses. We continue to find the York Courses very helpful. Last year we looked at the course "Receiving Christ" during Lent and "So what are you waiting for?" in Advent. The numbers who attend the group vary but, on average we get about 15 people over the morning and evening sessions. The meetings are relaxed and produce some lively and encouraging conversation. During Holy Week the Lent Group, once more, celebrated a Christian Passover Seder.

Rev Janet Bacon

Mothers' Union

Technically speaking, we have no branch of the Mothers' Union at All Saints, because we have no committee members and don't hold a Branch Meeting with outside speakers.

What we do have is a small band of Diocesan Members, most of whom are able to meet together, following the M.U. Corporate Communion on the second Thursday of the month at 11.00 am when we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world.

The M.U. does the most amazing work in support of Marriage and Family Life, sometimes in difficult and dangerous situations. Members support their parish clergy, teaching the young, visiting the sick and infirm, going into prison, running seminars on prayer and bible study, teaching good practice in health care, getting involved in fund-generating activities, running parenting classes, literacy classes, teaching women new skills and so much more.

Each year our M.U. group tries to raise money for one of the projects overseas or in this country, such as the provision of holidays for those in difficult circumstances. In 2017 we didn't manage it but we hope to hold a Saturday coffee morning early in 2018.

Also this year we didn't have a Christmas Lunch as has been our custom. We hope to rectify this by having a New Year meal together.

Pat Yates

Men's Society

The Men's Society meets at 7.30pm in the church meeting room on the first Thursday of the month from September to May.

In the last year we have had a variety of speakers & some very interesting talks. In January we had our "Fellship" at the vicarage. Our meeting in February was a talk on the Children's Society, followed in March by a talk on "Royal Trains". In April we held a coffee morning and in May we held our A.G.M. followed by a buffet.

After the A.G.M. we took a break but were invited to the vicarage for a barbeque in August.

There was no meeting in September so we resumed in October with a talk on "Homeless in Manchester". November's meeting was a talk on "Pompeii" and we concluded the year with a talk on "Wilmslow moves South".

Members also worked hard for the Christmas Fair in November.

Brad Torbitt, Chairman

Friday Club

Friday Club, as its name suggests, meets on a Friday. It has been a part of All Saints Church for over 50 years. We are a ladies group of about 27 members but quite a few of our meetings are open to everyone. The subjects of our meetings are advertised in "Saints Alive" magazine each month. Members pay an annual subscription and during open meetings members pay £1 and visitors £1.50 which includes tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Usually we meet fortnightly and we have a variety of meetings. Quite often we have speakers, and sometimes home-grown amusements as well as various outings. Recently we have enjoyed speakers on "The Funny Side of Pharmacy", "The Royal Yacht Britannia and her Predecessors", "Sir John Barbirolli" and "The George Formby Story". We have played "Beetle", enjoyed a Halloween Supper, helped with the Christmas Fair and had a pleasant Christmas party. Our next meeting will be at Table Table restaurant.

We begin each of our meetings with prayers, firstly the Friday Club Prayer which was written by one of our former members, Joan Attfield, long ago. We follow then with the Lord's Prayer in its traditional form. Our Club is open to all ladies in the Parish and beyond, not necessarily from All Saints but from other churches as well or no church.

We welcome new members to our friendly group. In December, January and February we meet at 2pm in the afternoon. The rest of the year, apart from August when there are no meetings, we meet at 7.30pm in the evening.

The funds referred to did not form part of the PCC's accounts.

Lily Mitchelhill, Chairman of Friday Club.

Craft Group

The Craft Group has met twice monthly (apart from December) throughout the year. We continue to pursue old crafts and learn new ones. We are pretty laid back and all are welcome, even if you only stay for a cuppa and a chat. Numbers are healthy, we seem to get more members at each meeting. Our book stall in the Meeting Room and gift table in church have continued to raise decent amounts for the church charities. We did particularly well over the Christmas period when the stall attracted groups attending carol services. We now look forward to another happy and productive year in 2018.

Frances Pickett, Craft Group Coordinator

Section Five – The Parochial Church Council

Charitable Objectives and Principal Activities

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The main activities of the church include regular public worship open to all, pastoral work, teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups, the provision of activities for all groups including parents, toddlers and young people, and support for charities in the U.K. and overseas.

The PCC has been committed to making worship at All Saints accessible to as many people as possible, and to encouraging them to become part of our Parish community. The PCC has maintained an overview of worship as expressed in all the activities of the Church, making suggestions as to how our services could involve the many groups within the Parish.

In planning the activities for the year the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's direction on Public Benefit, giving special attention to the guidance to charities engaged in the advancement of religion. In particular we have sought to equip people to live out their faith as part of the Parish community through:

- worship and prayer
- learning about the Gospel and developing their true knowledge and trust in Jesus
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the Parish and
- missionary and outreach work.

We have set out our approach to developing faith in the Parish in our All Saints Mission Statement.

Review of the PCC during 2017

The PCC has met on 7 occasions during 2017 with an average attendance of 13 members out of 16 members at each meeting. The PCC has dealt with:

1. The election of PCC Officers.
2. The reception of reports from Deanery Synod, Charities and other church committees and also various correspondence.
3. The Wardens have undertaken the care and management of the church, its fabric and its utilities.
4. The Wardens have kept members informed at each meeting about all of the church's various activities.
5. The Treasurer has continued to produce carefully prepared computerised reports of our income and expenditure and has given explanations at each PCC meeting.
6. The website has been completely renewed during the year by a team led by Clare Russell.
7. Sadly our curate, Revd Becky Gibbs, moved to a parish at St Bees, Cumbria early in 2017. We would like to note our appreciation of all that Becky has done and achieved during her stay with us and wish her and her family 'good luck' in her new parish.

Governing Document

The Parochial Church Powers Measure (1958) as amended and Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are elected or appointed in accordance with these rules.

Membership and Terms of Office 2017

The PCC is an independent charity, registered with the Charity Commission as charity number 1131779. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2017 the following served as members of the PCC.

Ex-officio Members

Vicar	The Revd Janet Bacon
Curate (to 28 February 2017)	The Revd Becky Gibbs
Wardens	Mrs Janet Valentine Mr John Ackerley
Co-opted Members	
Reader	Mr Michael Aiers
Representatives on the Deanery Synod	Mrs Julia Ball Miss Irene Walton
Elected to serve on the PCC until APCM 2018	Mrs Lisa Bacon Mrs Frances Pickett Mr Jeremy Valentine
Elected to serve on the PCC until APCM 2019	Mrs Linda Ackerley Mrs Janet Ashman Mrs Clare Russell Miss Trevlyn Thomas
Elected to serve on the PCC until APCM 2020	Mrs Margaret Epps Mrs Kate Hughes Mrs Lydia Karuku-Ndungu Mrs Sheila Stone
Linda Ackerley, PCC Secretary	

Financial Review

Total income on the unrestricted (general) fund amounted to £88,428, slightly higher than the 2016 figure of £87,720. The year 2017 includes £10,945 for the rental of the Curacy now occupied by a tenant following the departure to St Bees of our Curate early in 2017. This new category of income is offset by lower donations, legacies and related Gift Aid amounting to £66,837 in 2017 compared with £74,208 in 2016, and a lower amount of fees for weddings and funerals of £4,098 compared with £6,661 in 2016

Unrestricted expenditure was £122,909, an increase of £3,175 from the 2016 figure of £119,734. The largest item of expenditure was the Parish Share, at £80,738, 66% of unrestricted expenditure, compared with the 2016 figure of £78,768 (66% in 2016), an increase of £1,970. The Parish Share is paid to the Diocese to cover essential costs incurred across the Diocese as a whole, a major element being clergy costs.

The net movement in the unrestricted fund was a reduction of £33,577 (2016 - £32,014).

Restricted funds consist of a Music Fund (£290 with no transactions in 2016), and the Charities Committee Fund (income of £3,855 with costs of £1,088 and donations of £2,700 resulting in an increase of £67 to the end of year balance of £167). In addition, £12 is received from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission each year, and is expended on grave maintenance, and restricted income of £800 was contributed to the development of a Quiet Corner in Church.

The net movement in the restricted funds was £67 (2016 - £2,185).

A gain on investments of £904 was made in the year (2016 – loss of £104).

Total net movements across all funds therefore amounted to a reduction of £33,510 (2016 - £34,303).

Total assets at 31 December 2017 stood at £1,144,190, of which the unrestricted fund is £1,143,733.

Of this, Fixed Assets account for £852,551, a reduction of £2,383. Of this figure, £814,978 represents the Church rebuilding costs. Fixed Assets stood at £854,934 at the start of the year, and have increased by £2,340 for the new boiler, and reduced by £5,093 depreciation, and changes in investment value of £370. These amounts are not available as usable funds for the Church.

The Net Current Assets for all funds, mostly cash at bank and invested, amounted to £291,639 at the year end, compared with £322,766 at 31 December 2016, a reduction of £31,127, and £361,457 at 31 December 2015, a previous reduction of £38,691.

The reduction in total net assets in 2017 amounted to £33,510 (2016 - £34,303).

Reserves

Note 19 to the Accounts shows the assets and liabilities attributable to the various funds by type, and Note 18 summarises the movement on each restricted fund in the period.

The PCC recognises the need for the Charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to continue to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising.

It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months' expenditure.

The Trustees consider that reserves at this level ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Church's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. The Trustees are aware of the continuing year on year reduction in funds and are considering ways in which the level of annual loss can be addressed.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Policies and procedures are in place covering relevant requirements such as Health and Safety, employment law, Charities Act, and child protection. The buildings are in good repair and maintained on a regular basis.

Statement of Members' Responsibilities

The members of the PCC are responsible for preparing an Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to Charities and relevant requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102).

The members of the PCC are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Church for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the PCC members have complied with the requirements to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and which enable them both to ascertain the financial position of the Church and ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to Charities and relevant requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102), and the provisions of the trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In particular they are responsible for investing charitable funds wisely to maximise the return in a manner conducive to its charitable needs and demands.

The members of the PCC acknowledge their responsibilities in relation to these requirements as set out above.

Jeremy Valentine, PCC Treasurer and PCC Lay Chair