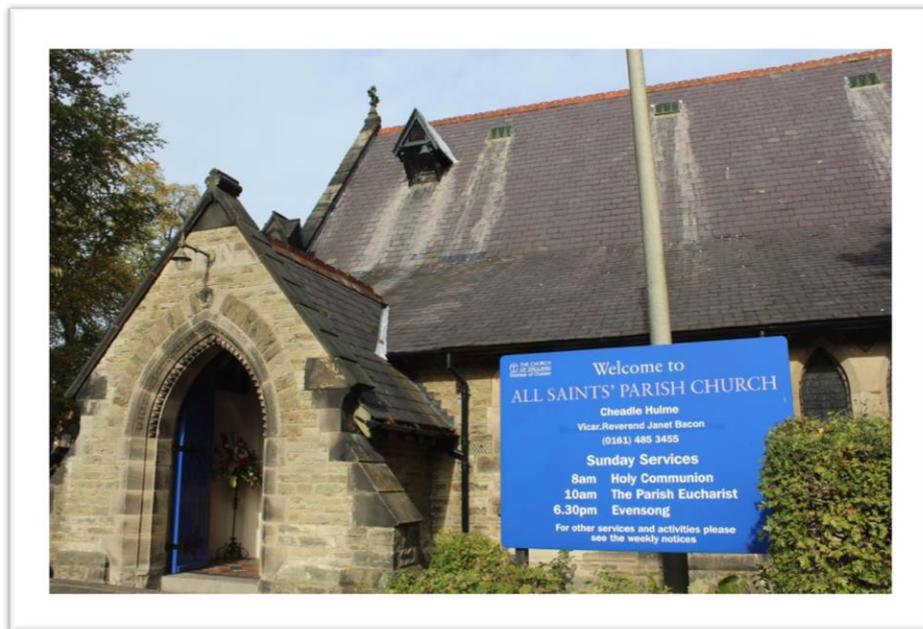




All Saints Parish Church

Cheadle Hulme



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Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2018

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 25th March 2019

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 2018

This document is the nineteenth 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 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 2018.
- **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 2018, and the Independent Examiner's Report on those accounts.

Vicar's Report

Dear friends,

I am pleased to introduce our Annual Report for 2018.

Our aims this last year as a PCC were to look at developing Messy Church and, if you look at the Messy Church report you will see that good progress has been made. We also set, as one of our aims, the transfer of the Parish Rooms to PCC control. This is ongoing and has not progressed as quickly as we would have liked. Finally, we wanted to look into bereavement support and support of our elderly members. Clare Russell and Linda Ackerley have only a few months to go before they are licensed as pastoral workers and, while Clare has been developing Mainly Music and Messy Church, Linda has been developing our bereavement work and also set up a "Seniors' Tea Party".

Despite having goals the PCC have always been aware that we should not ignore other opportunities that arise and, with Sarah taking over the website and setting up a Facebook account, we have made great strides in letting the wider community know what we are about and what we are doing.

Apart from our usual celebration services this last year we have also held a service to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. This anniversary has struck a chord in our community and throughout the country and we were pleased that so many attended the service. We are also in negotiation with the War Graves Commission so that we can have a sign outside church to mark that our churchyard contains some war graves.

Last year we had 3 weddings, 17 baptisms and, with the help of Rev David Parker, 16 funerals in church. David has now left to live in Ely and we are all most grateful for his help and support. 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 Annual Report.

As always Pat and Michael have been my rocks – always willing to help and working so hard. Sadly, Michael, having been made Emeritus, has not been able to take part recently due to illness but it is my hope and prayer that, when this is published, he will be much better.

Home groups have met during Lent and Advent 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 and healing services.

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. 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. The number of occasional offices (a source of income) varies from year to year and is not in our control. Legacies to the church are rare nowadays.

We have put in place activities which, hopefully, will encourage a new generation of church goers. There is no single "fix" for this issue. We all have to do what we can in a variety of

ways – in our faithful generous giving, in inviting friends to church, in our care for our community and, perhaps, remembering the church in our will.

We have a lot to be grateful for in the support and fellowship we receive here at All Saints – not just on Sundays but also through the various groups that meet here and the events organised by the hard working Charities Committee.

It has been a difficult year for many in our congregation. Some have been unable to attend church because of long term illness. Others have lost loved ones and as a church we have lost several well known members of our congregation who will be missed. Even now some of our congregation are facing treatment for serious conditions. Our love and prayers are with them.

On the happy side, we have been joined by new people attending our services and existing congregation members volunteering for new roles and taking on more responsibilities in the church. We have also welcomed Rev Janet Owens and her husband Roger to All Saints where Janet has been able to help out with services and get to know the congregation.

Once again, it has been a privilege to serve the church as your Vicar. There are so many people to thank and I hope to remember all those people in my report to the APCM as well as setting out the churches vision and priorities for 2019/20.

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.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, we held a special service using elements of the original commemoration service held at All Saints in 1918.

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

The choir continues to go from strength to strength. Our newer members are gaining in confidence and surprising themselves by their ability. Long-standing members have also enhanced their skills and this has resulted in singing of a standard which has called forth appreciative comments from members of the congregation, as well as from the organist!

The competence of the choir was demonstrated clearly at Christmas when, having been 'struck down' by labyrinthitis, I had to cancel the final choir rehearsal for the Christmas Services and was unable to play for any of them. However thanks to the generosity of Eric Ward (to whom we are greatly indebted for playing for the three major Christmas services), the choir showed their confidence and competence in being able to sing their pieces without a final rehearsal, and with a different organist at both the Carol Service and Midnight Communion. Well done!

Building on this we are preparing a Choral Evensong with a complete set of responses and choral settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. We have a regular chanted setting of Choral Evensong (at 6.30pm) on the second Sunday in the month: if you have never attended such a service why not come along – just to see (and hear) what it is like?

As always we welcome new members, so if you can 'hold a tune' and are willing to learn (no experience necessary) why not come along for a couple of sessions just to try it out, or speak to any member of the choir to find out first hand what we are all about – there is no obligation to join. We rehearse on a Wednesday at 3.30pm when the clocks go back, and at 7pm when the clocks go forward.

Trevlyn Thomas, Organist and Choir Trainer

Church Flower Group

Sadly, the membership of the Flower Group continues to decrease due to a number of circumstances. We have been rescued on a number of occasions by two new members to whom we are truly grateful. New volunteers would be most welcome. However, I don't think the shrinking workforce has affected our efforts to make visiting the church a welcoming and uplifting experience, especially at festivals when we pull out all the stops.

We have been privileged to arrange the flowers for a number of weddings including those of the daughter of one of our members, Judith, and the daughter of our vicar, Janet.

We celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War with an abundant display of poppy arrangements which we felt were a fitting backdrop to the beautiful Special Commemoration Service on Remembrance Sunday.

Our Annual Christmas Coffee Morning on December 8th was a jolly occasion at which we raised enough funds to support our efforts throughout the coming year. Many thanks to all those who supported us.

We look forward to enjoying another year of church decoration and hope that more of the congregation will be inspired to join us. Details in Saints' Alive.

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 newly relaunched website help to spread our message.

Charities Committee

The Charities Committee is responsible for overseeing a funding programme that year on year raises money in aid of charities, both in the UK and abroad.

Events throughout 2018 included a coffee morning, beetle drive, hotpot lunch and the all traditional Christmas Fair. These few events combined delivered a healthy net income of £2,350, and so in view of that positive result it was decided that an additional £250 donation be made to The Brain Tumour Charity in recognition of a fund recently set up in memory of Luke Fallon and known as The Luke Fallon Fund. The bulk of the income was split equally between:

COFFEE 4 CRAIG – Given the recent rise in homelessness, it seemed only right to support a charity that 365 days a year distributes food and clothing to the homeless living rough on the very streets of Manchester.

NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY (MANCHESTER BRANCH) – By focusing again on Manchester is a further example of the Committee’s readiness to champion causes that specifically benefit communities in and around the region.

WATER AID – Water Aid remains committed to helping raise hygiene standards in areas of the world where poverty and deprivation are endemic and where disease from contaminated water is on the increase. The charity does concede, however, that its pledge to make clean drinking water accessible to all is still years away from becoming reality.

The Committee would again like to express its thanks to everyone who supported last year’s events, thus helping to achieve this positive outcome.

Joan Tansley, Charities Committee Honorary Secretary

Christian Aid

The Lent Lunch in February raised £247.50.

In May the house to house collection raised £1,195. On the sponsored walk John and Elizabeth Hughes collected £415 and Beryl Parker raised £135. This gives a total of £1,745 for Christian Aid Week.

In September a collection in church for the Kerala Floods Appeal raised £286.50.

The street collection in October raised £121 and the sponsored swim in November amounted to £408.

This gives a total for 2018 of £2,808. Additionally, much of the money was gift aided which brings in an extra 25p for every £1 donated.

Members of All Saints' also took part, with other churches in Cheadle Hulme, in two collections at Handforth Dean where over £1,665 was collected.

In 2018 the Cheadle Hulme Churches Together sub-committee for Christian Aid gave £5,000 to a Christian Aid project for displaced people in Lebanon and Iraq which received matched funding at the rate of £6 for every £1 raised. We have also given a further £5,000 for a Christian Aid project for young people with HIV and Aids in Kenya. This project is matched funded at the rate of £17 for every £1! We hope to be able to support further projects in 2019.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed in any way to Christian Aid in 2018.

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

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 (from 2019 - The James Group)

During the year it became increasingly obvious that changes needed to be made. Since the Guild of St Raphael was merged with the Guild of Health we have felt detached from any joint participation, yet we all recognise how important it is to pray for the sick.

As a group we are regularly given the name of a sick relative or friend and these people have been faithfully prayed for by our members who are now few and elderly. We need some fresh blood! We would love to see more members of the church joining us for an hour once a month, for a short service of prayer and possibly committing to remember a few needy people in their private prayers.

Consequently, from the beginning of January 2019, we are changing our name to "The James Group", inspired by the Letter of James, which urges us to "pray for one another, so that you may be healed".

So from January 1st 2019, "The James Group" will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at 2pm in the meeting room, to review the lists of names and to pray a short form of intercession for the Sick. Do please join us, whenever you are free, There are no subs to pay! Let's put the Healing Ministry firmly on the mat at All Saints!

Pat Yates

Messy Church

Messy Church has developed considerably during the last 12 months thanks to the dedication of those who help and especially Clare Russell who has attended some Messy Church training sessions and is now organising Messy Church at All Saints. Not only have we been able to put on Messy Church sessions each month but we have also changed the format to make the whole event more of a worship event. We now regularly have between 15 and 20 children attending with parents whom we encourage to join in with their children. It has been lovely to see former Mainly Music children keep up the contact with the church by coming along to Messy Church. In May we had a "Royal Wedding Messy Church" and also held a Messy Church craft session at the Christmas Fair.

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. This means we have babies from birth through to almost 5 years of age. We meet in Church on a Monday morning at 10.30am and regularly have 15 families attending. Throughout the 30-minute music session children are introduced to music and creativity through songs and actions with props. Using 'mainly music' we seek to enable young families to experience the words and works of the Gospel message through our words, actions and through our prayers. Following the music session, the children have a snack and then go through to the meeting room for supervised playtime and whilst the adults have tea, coffee and cake. The sessions are supported by a team of over 16 volunteers from All Saints' Church.

Clare Russell

2nd Heathbank Rainbows

Rainbows met in the Church meeting room throughout 2018, and have now moved their meeting place to Thorn Grove.

They have had another great year, doing work on their badges, and meeting indoors in the meeting room, and going on outside trips

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.

11th Cheadle Hulme Brownies

2018 has been a year full of fun and developing for our Brownies and they have enjoyed a varied programme.

We welcomed 1 new Brownie, and said farewell to 6 who have all fully fledged into wonderful young people.

Over the year, the girls enjoyed earning their Baking Challenge badge, Circus badge, ABC badge (girls had to complete an activity or challenge for every letter of the alphabet), We Love Brownies badge and Mermaid badge and also enjoyed their Easter Egg Hunt and annual Chippy Walk/Penny Hike. They were also treated to fireworks, hotdogs and apple bombs on Bonfire Night, which conveniently fell on our meeting night.

Also in November, 3 girls from the unit took part in the Remembrance Day Parade in Cheadle Hulme. The girls were impeccably behaved and observed the silence beautifully, despite the drizzly conditions.

At Christmas, the girls threw their own party which was largely chocolate themed, working in teams to play all kinds of fun games.

The new programme will be introduced in the new year which will allow girls to earn and achieve even greater things. They will follow the programme throughout their entire guiding journey.

Jo Taylor (Brown Owl)

7TH Cheadle Hulme (All Saints) Cub Scout Pack

A busy year again.

Some of the things we've been doing, making bird boxes and then bat boxes at another meeting. Making our own poppies and doing a project on why we remember those who have sacrificed during all the wars.

We've been on two camps this year, one to Boarfold and the main camp at Linnet.

As always, the first camp is only for one night and this is to get the new younger children used to being away from their parents before the main camp in the summer.

Linnet was 'full on' with lots of events booked. The main attraction was the new zip wire. If ever there was a challenge for them, this was it. Some just went and did it while others were

pushing their own capabilities. With the encouragement of the others all the children managed to do this event.

A big part of this year was to concentrate on getting the cubs to consider their part in the world and the effect they can have on others. In this respect our group has really grown, with positive comments from local shops, people at the remembrance service and our time bag packing.

Confidence building is a big thing towards moving our members forward, listening, supporting and guiding so all the children can become more caring citizens.

Finally, I would appeal to anyone who has the time to come and support us. Without help all our good work would never happen. Building a better society cannot be achieved without all our marvellous Leaders.

Andy Thompson, Group Scout Leader

7TH Cheadle Hulme (All Saints) Beaver Scout Colony

We have 18 Beavers in our Colony and a growing interest list for places. If all 24 names on the current list eventually do join our Colony we will be full until MARCH 2020!

Our weekly meetings continue to run successfully with the help and support of parents on the rota, together with a DofE volunteer. However, we do need one or two additional uniformed leaders (maybe to help on alternate weeks) to ensure that we always have at least two leaders at every meeting.

Before moving on to Cubs this year four 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

Just some of the events and activities our Beavers have taken part in this year are:

- February: an adventurous evening on the climbing walls at Sky High (part-funded by a donation from All Saints)
- February: District First Aid badge day at Base Camp
- April: a visit to Cheadle Mosque.
- April: Community project with the Friends of Hesketh Park, planting wild-flower seeds on Mellor Green
- May: Litter-picking around the Parish Rooms and along Church Road.
- July: Water Fun with Cubs- an annual event that is always good fun!
- But the highlight of the year must definitely be in July when we attended our first District Beaver Camp at Abney! It was an exciting and action-packed weekend that was thoroughly enjoyed by all! On more than one occasion we received compliments on how well behaved all our Beavers were.

Once again our Beavers helped to fill shoe-boxes for 'Operation Christmas Child' and donated gifts for others at both Harvest Thanksgiving and the Toy Services.

Jacquie 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. 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 2018.

The first meeting of the year, in March, was held at St Cuthbert's, Cheadle. The meeting included a talk by Emily Allen, the Church Buildings Development Officer, about a new initiative to enable churches in the Chester diocese to share details of contractors and also their experiences of maintenance work in their buildings.

The meeting in June was at Emmanuel, Cheadle Hulme. Kath Leigh gave a presentation of "Transforming Lives Together". This is a joint initiative for community development between Chester Diocese and the Church Urban Fund.

The final synod of the year was in October, at St Michael's, Bramhall. There was a discussion on how the different churches in the Deanery made the most of festivals (eg Halloween, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and Easter) to connect with people in the community.

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 2018 we have continued to produce approximately 150 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 and Social Media

The website <https://www.allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk/> was relaunched just over 12 months ago and has continued to be a useful tool to engage with the church community and beyond. The site has the church calendar, information about our groups and allows users to listen to recent sermons preached in Church. This Autumn we launched a news and events section to showcase all our activities. Although the figures are small, the website audience is growing.

We also updated our presence on the national Church of England site A Church Near You (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12892/>). This gives the church curious searcher information about us and our services and directs them to our own website.

In September 2018 we set up a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsCH/> Our own follower numbers are small but growing steadily. However, sharing our posts in local groups gives us the potential to reach thousands of people e.g. our Christmas Day service post had a reach of more than 2,900. We believe this will be particularly helpful in connecting with younger people who rely on social media for information. At the Christingle service we did our first live 'broadcast' from All Saints' via Facebook. This allowed us to share the lighting of the candles beyond that day's congregation.

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 group has continued to meet at the home of David and Constance Jones.

Our studies began in January 2018 with a continuation of a series of Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, plus a couple of studies on two of the resurrection appearances.

After these first sessions of the year the group decided on a change of name, thinking that the words 'study group' might be off-putting, suggesting that this was a very intellectual, high-powered group of people, which was far from how we thought of ourselves. So we renamed ourselves "The Afternoon Bible Discussion Group". Sadly, it didn't result in attracting many new members but we have increased our numbers by one. It would be lovely to have some more joining us; a very warm welcome awaits!

In the second half of 2018 we began a series on the Parables of Jesus, which will continue into 2019.

We have continued the pattern of 5 sessions, meeting fortnightly between January and March, and 5 sessions between October and December. The latter part of 2018 has been overshadowed by Michael's absence, due to illness. We miss him greatly and pray that the treatment will be effective and that he will soon be back to full strength.

Our discussions are always lively and we trust helpful to all who participate.

Pat Yates

Vicarage Home Group

We have met during Advent and Lent. For Lent we followed a course based on the film "Chocolat" and for Advent followed a York course titled "Jesus – the voice that makes us turn". Our discussions take place in a relaxed non-judgemental atmosphere where everyone is listened to. We have also enjoyed some special moments of reflective worship.

Rev Janet Bacon

Mothers' Union

Our few diocesan members of the Mothers' Union remain faithful to our monthly Communion on the 2nd Thursday of the month and the following time of prayer for Mothers' Union work worldwide.

We started 2018 with a lunch at Norbury Farm Café, which fitted the needs of all. By the time you read this we will, hopefully, have done the same in 2019.

Sadly, attendance at our Corporate Communion varies, due to age, infirmity or family commitments. For similar reasons we didn't undertake any fundraising for M.U. Projects this year. However, we once again ran a raffle at the Christmas Fair, making up three separate boxes of Christmas "goodies" which were greatly appreciated by the lucky winners and raised over £130 towards the final total, on behalf of the Church's charities for 2018.

Pat Yates

Friday Club

Friday Club is a ladies group that was started at All Saints over 50 years ago. We still have one founder member, Ann Hewitt, who was present at the early meetings. It was founded to meet the needs of ladies who did not qualify for the Mothers' Union and wanted to meet for fellowship. We welcome ladies from All Saints Church and from other churches in the Parish and from further afield.

Our activities are varied. We listen to visiting speakers on many subjects ranging from making jam as a small home industry to the situation of the homeless; from climbing Kilimanjaro to the History of Stockport. Sometimes we use home grown talent so have Elva Fowler talking to us about things musical, while Beryl Parker spoke to us about her life as a vicar's wife. Twice a year we go out for a meal, usually in January, and June or July. We go for visits to places such as Bramall Hall. Our members help with the Christmas Fair which raises money for charity. Once a month there is a special communion service on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10.00am, and at the end we read Friday Club's Prayer, which was written by Joan Attfield long ago.

Many of our meetings are open to everyone. Over time our membership has shrunk but recently the numbers have increased again. We are a friendly group and we would like to welcome new members.

We meet fortnightly on a Friday, as the name of the club suggests. From the beginning of December to the end of March we meet at 2.00pm, and from April until the end of November we meet at 7.30pm.

Lily Mitchelhill, Chairman of Friday Club.

Men's Society

The Men's Society is open to all. We meet at 7.30pm in the church meeting room on the first Thursday of the month from September to May.

2018 was a varied year, during which we invited speakers on a range of subjects, as well as other events. In January we held our "Fellaship" at the vicarage followed in February by a talk on 'Railways of Macclesfield'. Our meeting in March was cancelled due to the "Beast from the East". In April we had a talk on Paddle Steamers & also held a coffee morning. In May we had our AGM followed by supper.

After the AGM we break until September but were invited to the vicarage for a barbeque in August.

In September a small band of us visited Bramall Hall and in October had a talk on 'Old Cheadle Hulme'. In November we had a talk on "First World War Battlefields" to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. Also in November, members contributed to the Charities' Committee Christmas Fair. We concluded the year with a talk on "A Himalayan Walk"

Brad Torbitt, Chairman

Craft Group

The Craft Group has experienced a steady growth in membership over the year. Membership is not exclusive to Church Members, all are welcome. We meet on every Second and Fourth Wednesday in the month at 2.30 p.m. in the Meeting Room except December when there are no meetings. We follow the same format at each meeting by which members can take part in a group project, continue their own projects or simply enjoy the company of others. There is always a supply of drinks and biscuits on offer.

In order to raise money for the church charities we hold stalls at the Annual Coffee Morning in March and at the Annual Christmas Fair in November. There is also a Sales Table in church and we are responsible for stocking the Book Table in the Meeting Room.

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 2018

The PCC met on 6 occasions during 2018 with an average attendance of 13 members out of 17 members at each meeting (18 members as of November 2018). 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. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) advised actions have been completed for All Saints by Julia Ball, Clare Russell and Trevlyn Thomas.
7. The website has been completely renewed during the year by a team led by Clare Russell and Sarah Ball
8. The Facebook page has been set up and populated by Sarah Ball
9. All Saints welcomed retired priest Revd Janet Owens to the clergy in October 2018, who agreed to preside and preach at some of our services.

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 2018

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 2018 the following served as members of the PCC.

Ex-officio Members

Vicar

The Revd Janet Bacon

Wardens

Mrs Janet Valentine
Mr John Ackerley

Co-opted Members

Reader Emeritus

Mr Michael Aiers

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Mrs Julia Ball
Miss Irene Walton

Elected to serve on the PCC until APCM 2018
and re-elected at the APCM of 22 April 2018
to serve a further term

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 £87,836 compared with the 2017 figure of £88,428. In 2018 Giving including related Gift Aid brought in £65,250 compared with £66,837 in 2017. The year 2018 includes £11,940, a full year's income for the rental of the Curacy currently occupied by a tenant. The PCC again received a lower amount of fees for weddings and funerals of £3,560 compared with £4,098 in 2017 and £6,661 in 2016

Unrestricted expenditure was £122,358, a minor decrease of increase of £551 from the 2017 figure of £122,909. The largest item of expenditure was the Parish Share, at £82,756, 67% of unrestricted expenditure, compared with the 2017 figure of £80,738 (66% in 2017), an increase of £2,018. 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 £34,693 (2017 - £33,577).

Restricted funds consisted of a Music Fund (£290 all expended during the year), and the Charities Committee Fund (income of £3,247 with costs of £931 and donations of £2,350 resulting in an reduction of £34 to the end of year balance of £133). In addition, £12 is received from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission each year, and is expended on grave maintenance.

The net movement in the restricted funds was £324 (2016 - £67).

A loss on investments of £171 was sustained in the year (2017 – gain of £904).

Total net movements across all funds therefore amounted to a reduction of £35,017 (2017 - £33,510).

Total assets at 31 December 2018 stood at £1,109,173, of which the unrestricted fund is £1,109,040.

Of this, Fixed Assets account for £847,287, a reduction of £5,264 (£5,093 due to depreciation and £171 due to changes in investment value). Of the total figure, £814,978 represents the Church rebuilding costs. The Fixed Asset value is not available as usable funds for the Church.

The Net Current Assets for all funds, mostly cash at bank and invested, amounted to £261,886 at the year end, compared with £291,639 at 31 December 2017 £322,766 at 31 December 2016, and £361,457 at 31 December 2015.

The reduction in total net assets in 2018 amounted to £35,017 (2017 - £33,510).

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