



All Saints Parish Church

Cheadle Hulme



Registered Charity 1131779

Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2022

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

Rev Sarah Hancock

PCC Chair 23 April 2023

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 2 parishes with 3 Anglican churches in Cheadle Hulme, the others being St Andrews and Emmanuel, now both in one parish. 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 2022

This document is the twenty-third 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 2022.
- **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 2022, and the Independent Examiner's Report on those accounts.

Vicar's Report

At the beginning of 2022 we couldn't foresee that we would be spending 10 months of our year without a boiler.

We began the year with our celebrations on a Sunday and the introduction of a Family Service on the second Sunday of every month. The Family Service remained faithful to our traditional style, and we saw some families come and join us on this Sunday.

In February, after a storm, our cellar flooded and caused the electrics in the boiler to seize and rendered the boiler unusable. The congregation remained hopeful that it would be resolved quickly. It did take us 10 months with environmental considerations required but eventually we were able to replace the boiler. It was great rejoicing that we no longer had to sit in our woolly hats for church. I want to thank the church congregation for continuing to attend our services even when extra blankets were required.

In June we celebrated, with our whole community and other churches, the Queen's Jubilee. The day was enjoyed by all. However, in September we gathered to mourn the death of our Queen. The church was open for people to come along and pray, light a candle or just be.

In November we saw the opening of our Warm Space on a Wednesday. We have soup, tea, and coffee available for people to enjoy. We have seen on average around 15 people a week come along, some from the church congregation and some from the community too. It has been lovely to see relationships be developed from our church congregation and the community we serve.

In 2022 we did have to say goodbye to some very dear friends who died unexpectedly. We miss them and their contribution to the life of our church. In 2023 we are looking forward to meeting as a PCC for a vision day and to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Rev Sarah Hancock

All Saints Mission Statement

All Saints Church Cheadle Hulme sought 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

We have seen an increase in the average number of people attending our mid-week communion service on a Wednesday. Our Sunday services are averaging around the 55 mark each week and we hope to see this increase. This year saw the introduction of our first Pet Service held at the Parish Rooms car park. We look forward to celebrating our pets again in 2023.

In the past year we have had specific Eucharistic services to mark the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II which were poignant and attended by people who were visiting us for this specific service.

At Christmas time we had our usual services such as the Carol Service, Reflective Advent Service and our Crib Service. Our Crib Service saw our biggest return to almost Pre-pandemic levels with 190 people attending on Christmas Eve, with around 50 of them being children. It was a lovely, fun filled celebration.

One aspect of our services that I hadn't appreciated until recently is the amount of those at home who access our services online. This can be people who are ill or those who are unable to attend for different reasons. People have appreciated being able to watch at a different time and, when they aren't able to join us onsite, they enjoy and feel welcomed online.

Rev Sarah Hancock, PCC Chair

The Choir

The worship at All Saints continues to be enhanced by the commitment of the members of its Choir. It is a sad fact that many churches in this area do not have a choir, or if they do it is comprised of three or four singers. However we are most fortunate in having fourteen choristers 'on role' providing Sung Eucharist every Sunday morning and Sung or Choral Evensong once a month, which I know is much appreciated by the evening congregation.

It is with sadness that I have to report the death in June of one of our longest-serving and most beloved choristers, John Elwin. Not only was John a superb bass and accomplished musician he lit up our practices with his wit and it is no exaggeration to say that his beautiful

bass voice gave the choir a superb 'foundation' for everything they sang. He gave years of unstinting service and is frequently spoken of during our practices: we miss him greatly.

We were, therefore, very pleased to welcome Eric Ward, for many years Organist and Choir Master at All Saints, who has kindly come to join the basses to sing at Evensong.

Several members of our choir had never sung in a choir before they came to sing with us. If you enjoy singing and are willing to learn why not speak to one of the choir members or to me. We work hard, have fun and enjoy the great pleasure of making music together.

Trevlyn Thomas, Organist and Choir Trainer

Church Flower Group

The Flower Group has managed to function successfully during 2022 despite operating with an ever decreasing workforce.

The Altar Flowers are paid for each week by individuals – sometimes to mark an important date in their diaries, sometimes simply to contribute to the beauty of the church. I appealed at the beginning of the year for contributors to fill the empty spaces on the Altar Flower Rota and within days every date was filled. At the same time I appealed for new members for the Flower Group. There were no takers, so we soldier on.

We were only asked to arrange the flowers for one wedding in 2022. A lot of couples prefer to use an events venue where all bases are covered but this was such a joyous occasion that I wish more couples would follow the traditional route.

Once again, on December 10th, we held our Annual Christmas Coffee Morning. This is where we raise the money to pay for flowers throughout the church for the year ahead, floral foam, accessories etc. We don't charge for foliage, phone calls, stationery etc. So it was with some dismay that we woke up on the morning of the event to icy temperatures and snow. But people did turn up to give their support and we raised exactly the same amount as 2021 - £535.

We now look forward to another year of flower arranging at All Saints and, if you wish to join us, you will be most welcome.

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 relaunched website helps to spread our message.

Parish Rooms

The Parish Rooms have become busier under the care of our new Parish Rooms Supervisor. As well as our regulars such as Slimming World, Pilates, the Towns Women Guild and the Flower Group, we have seen new groups begin such as yoga and guitar lessons.

The use of the rooms to celebrate birthdays and other occasions – including a hen party, means that there is rarely a day when the rooms aren’t in use.

The church used the rooms for our Jubilee celebration and the return of the Harvest Lunch, both of which were enjoyed by those we had invited.

We hope this year to see the return of a possible Christmas Fair and to use the rooms to celebrate the King’s Coronation.

The cost-of-living crisis has hit the Parish Rooms as it is an expensive task to keep the rooms warm and well-lit for each of the groups. We hope to address this more in 2023.

Rev Sarah Hancock, Parish Rooms Committee Chair

Charities Committee

COVID-19 restrictions, along with resignations from the committee, together with the sad death of Sheila Stone at the end of 2021, have significantly contributed to the almost total lack of social activities over the past couple of years.

However, it must be emphasised that the remaining members of the committee also make significant contributions to the life of the church and feel that they are less able to devote the same time and energy towards our charitable activities.

We most definitely need new recruits preferably with new ideas and enthusiasm to help us make the committee as successful as formerly – or more successful.

We did put on a highly successful Harvest Lunch in the Parish Rooms on Sunday 9 October which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and made a profit of £349.

One definite aim for 2023 will be to reconstitute the annual Christmas Fair. Also, we would like to put on a number of smaller events at regular intervals before then. This all depends getting as many people as possible on board to help.

David Pickett, Charities Committee

Cheadle Deanery Synod

The purpose of the Synod is to provide a link between local churches and the Diocese, so that every church member has the opportunity to make their views on matters of importance to the Church of England more widely known.

Cheadle Deanery Synod met three times in 2022.

The first meeting of the year, in March, was held at St Michael's, Bramhall. The need for safeguarding training and DBS checks for all licensed workers and PCC members was discussed. This was followed by a presentation on behalf of the Diocesan Environmental Forum.

In June, the meeting was at the Upper Room in Cheadle. It included a proposal from Heald Green PCC that instead of merging parishes we should look to merge dioceses and give bishops and many of their staff parishes of their own. The practical aspects of the proposal were discussed. This was followed by a talk and discussion about pastoral care in parishes.

The final meeting of the year, in October, was held at St George's, Poynton. This was a joint synod with Macclesfield which formed part of a roadshow event that the diocese had been putting on called Everyday Faith. This project concentrated on people's personal stories, how they interacted with many different groups and the opportunities for the spreading of faith.

Meetings began with Worship and included financial and Diocesan Synod reports and any notices from the Rural Dean and the parishes.

Sadly in July, Irene Walton, a long-time All Saints representative on Deanery Synod, died. Her diligence and wisdom will be greatly missed. Lily Mitchelhill has been appointed to join Julia Ball as the representatives from All Saints.

Julia Ball, PCC Deanery Synod Representative

Christian Aid & Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme

We were able to resume many of our normal activities in 2022. In March, the Lent Lunch at All Saints raised £125. At the Easter Service at Oak Meadow, our very own Rev Sarah gave the reflection.

During Christian Aid Week in May, volunteers from All Saints delivered envelopes to 1,890 houses in Cheadle Hulme. As last year, we did not go back to collect the envelopes and this is likely to be the case in the future. Some people brought their envelopes to church, giving a total of £271. Some envelopes were taken to other churches and there were also on-line donations to our Just Giving web page. The total for all the churches in CTCH was over £2,300. Our distribution of the envelopes may also have resulted in further on-line giving done directly to the main Christian Aid site.

We were able to hold the Sponsored Walk this year, which raised £545 from All Saints. The total for all the churches together was £1370.

In October we held our Sponsored Swim. This raised £475 from All Saints. The total for CTCH was £2,873.

The total raised directly by All Saints in 2022 was £1,416.

Sadly in July, Irene Walton, a long-time supporter and All Saints representative in CTCH Christian Aid, died. We pay tribute to her enthusiastic, efficient and tireless work; she is greatly missed.

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

Julia Ball

Wellspring and The Foodbank at Chelwood

During this past year we did not make any collections for the Wellspring in Stockport.

However, we had two major collections of food, toiletries, household items and money during Lent and at Harvest time for the Foodbank at Chelwood. The congregation very generously donated on both these occasions and all our gifts were very gratefully received at the Foodbank.

Constance Jones

Samaritan's Purse

We are pleased to report that in 2022 the Church was once again able to co-ordinate the collection of shoeboxes, following a quieter year in 2021, when members of the congregation sent in their own contributions due to COVID-19 restrictions. In 2022, approximately 45 shoeboxes were collected at All Saints and some, for which the number is not known, were arranged using the online portal. This year the boxes were sent to Central Asia.

Michael Aiers, Samaritan's Purse Co-ordinator

James Group

The James Group was founded in January 2019. The group took on the work, devotion and prayer for the sick which had been previously carried out by 'The Guild of St. Raphael.'

The James Group chose its name inspired by the Epistle of St James, where the writer urges us to pray for the sick and assures us that "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

The James Group meetings take place on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month at 2.00pm in the church meeting room.

A short service is held followed by a reading, prayer and the saying out loud of the names of those people we have been asked to pray for. Prayer is offered on behalf of those in need of prayer for sickness and for any other adversity, problem, or cause for concern. The members of the James Group pray daily for those whom they have committed to pray for and the James Group is mentioned in the intercessions at our church services.

Many requests were made to the James Group, both from our church family and from members of our wider local community during the past year. The requests were for regular prayers for a loved one or just specific prayer at one meeting.

We thank our loving God for the commitment and devotion of the James Group members and we gratefully acknowledge the prayers of those who remain very much part of our prayer group but are now unable to attend meetings. These members are thought of with love.

The James Group is keen to welcome new members and all are welcome to join us, attendance regularly or just when you can, would be gratefully received.

We thank our loving Father for the many answered prayers and pray for the continued power of our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The James Prayer

Almighty and ever-loving God, we ask you to bless the James Group as they seek to promote the Ministry of Healing within our church of All Saints.

May your power be at work among us all, building us in a healing community which will bring glory to your name. Amen.

Linda Ackerley, Pastoral Worker

Messy Church

We came together for Messy Church ten times in 2022. Messy Church meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at 4pm. We use the church and the meeting room for our Messy Church and were challenged during the year by the absence of heating in the church due to waiting for the boiler to be replaced. During the hot summer months the church was the coolest place to be but when it was too cold we squeezed into the meeting room!

We covered a variety of themes including The Lord's Prayer, the Parable of the Lost Coin, Harvest and Advent. We spend about an hour being creative with crafts, games and experiments, followed by a story around the theme of the day and then we move into the meeting room for food and drink together.

In June we enjoyed having our Messy Church at the Jubilee party in the Parish Rooms where we planted some seeds in pots and decorated Jubilee biscuits and made colourful crowns.

Clare Russell, Pastoral Worker

Mainly Music Pre-school Children's Group

We have run weekly Mainly Music sessions on a Monday morning throughout term-time in 2022. The sessions are full of songs and rhymes, actions and movement designed to engage the children with their carers.

We have had many new families join us this year including mums, dads and grandparents. It has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with people and welcome them into All Saints Church. The music session lasts approximately 30 minutes and are followed by 45 minutes of eat/ play/ chat. Snacks are served followed by a play time with toys and puzzles.

We are very grateful to our team of volunteers who help run the session – setting up the space, providing refreshments and clearing away afterwards.

Clare Russell, Pastoral Worker

7TH Cheadle Hulme (All Saints) Scout Group

Over the past few years, it has been impossible to run a full programme and we've not had the opportunity to get the Beavers and Cubs through all their badgework which is needed to gain their Bronze or Silver Chief Scout Awards.

We are now in a position to see all our members achieving more and more badges to be sewn on their Scout uniforms.

Both Sections are now getting back to where we were before the pandemic with nearly both sections full, with large waiting lists.

We are very lucky at 7th to have lots of talented great leaders who support the children in so many ways. I would like to thank all those who make all this possible as main leaders or those who help us working behind the scenes.

2023 is going to be 'Full on' with loads of things booked. The Cub Section are going on several camps, kayaking down the river Mersey and hopefully Panto will be back once more at The Plaza. The Beaver section is always busy doing lots of exciting things and earning lots and lots of badges.

I am now in the process of looking for ways to raise more funding so we can create more opportunities and great things for all the children to enjoy.

We also have young helpers; some are doing their DofE awards whilst also supporting the main leaders and children in their badgework.

So, all in all things are looking great for 2023.

Wishing everyone all the best for 2023.

Andy Thompson, GSL

Magazine

In the latter part of 2020, "Saints Alive" began to be produced as an online version only, due to the COVID-19 restrictions on church access necessary during that period. This approach was continued throughout 2021 and 2022, the magazine being accessible on the All Saints Church website.

In 2022, it became evident that the need for the magazine as it stood, in both hard copy and digital version, had been overtaken by other forms of communication. At the end of 2022, the PCC therefore agreed that Saints Alive would cease to be produced from the beginning of 2023.

Communications

All Saints digital channels continue to be vital ways to fulfil the "Reaches out" strand of our church's mission.

Livestreaming services

We continue to livestream the majority of Sunday 10am services, but also special services and funerals (where requested).

The live 'audience' on YouTube can be up to ten computers (which may be viewed by more than one person at a time). The number of views increases to an average of around 45 by the end of the week. This shows that some worshippers are joining us at other times or catching up. These streams can be viewed simultaneously on our Facebook page.

Livestreaming makes our services accessible to those who cannot join onsite. It also allows those who are looking for a local church to get a sense of our worship.

YouTube channel

The [All Saints YouTube channel](#) is the 'home' for our videos. It is the place to find livestreams and recordings of past services. It also hosts reflections.

We have 53 subscribers in December 2022. These are people who have asked to be notified about our videos and broadcasts.

Email newsletters

Weekly emails are sent to a list of subscribers. These contain a message from the Vicar, news of church events and activities and a link to our livestreamed service.

We have continued to grow our email subscriber list over the coming year.

Website: allsaintscheadlehulme.org.uk

The number of visitors to the All Saints website increased by more than 7% in 2022. It had a particularly strong May and June with lots of interest in the pet service and the Jubilee.

Facebook: facebook.com/AllSaintsCH

Our Facebook follower numbers increased in 2022 by 14% to 253. Many people who are not members of our 'established' weekly congregations now regularly engage with us online. Many more people engage with our posts when they are shared in local groups or by our members and followers. This was particularly evident with the Jubilee Community Party which was attended by many people from our Parish, as well as our congregation.

We continue to post several times a week. We share a mixture of content we have created ourselves - photos, videos, links to our website – alongside content produced by other relevant organisations e.g. Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme, Diocese of Chester, Archbishop of Canterbury etc.

We would also continue to encourage more sharing of our content by our Facebook friends. Liking is good; but sharing is even better!

Sarah Ball

All Saints Cheadle Hulme
24 December 2022 · 🌐

It was wonderful to welcome so many into All Saints this afternoon to hear the good news of Jesus' birth at our Crib Service
[#FollowTheStar](#)
[Diocese of Chester](#)

👍❤️ Sarah Hancock, Anne Fleeson and 51 others 6 comments

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

Following a rather abbreviated ‘term’ of only three meetings before Christmas 2021 we were faced with seven meetings to fit in before Easter 2022. This we did achieve, but not without having to reschedule and/or relocate a few meetings, and so were able to complete our planned consideration of the growth of the early church as described in Acts of the Apostles.

For our 2022-23 season we have turned to the Old Testament to explore the way in which a number of leaders and prophets received their call to service. We have also been able to return to our previous venue in the home of Constance and David Jones, for whose warm and generous hospitality we continue to be most grateful.

In a small change of format this season the group has chosen to leave the final meeting of each ‘term’ free from a chosen subject and so open for members of the group to raise any topics they would like to discuss with the group. Our first such meeting produced several very interesting questions and some lively and wide-ranging discussions.

A warm welcome awaits everyone who might wish to join us,

Pat Yates & Michael Aiers

Discovery Group

The Discovery Group started after the Lent Course in 2021. It is a group that meets each Tuesday evening to chat about the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus. We cover a variety of topics and it is for anyone at any point on their Christian journey. We invite others to join us during the weeks of Advent and Lent, even if they’ve not been before. It is led by Rev Sarah and Stephen Harrop and we always welcome newcomers.

Rev Sarah Hancock

Friday Club

Friday Club has been in existence for over sixty years and Ann Hewitt, our treasurer has been a member for the whole time our club has been functioning.

We are a ladies group welcoming any lady living in the parish who belongs to the Christian faith or is not sure about a faith but upholds the principles of our Friday Club Prayer, composed long ago by Joan Attfield, which is as follows:

Heavenly Father, who taught us through your Son
That all our deeds without love are nothing worth,
We ask you to bless all members of our Friday Club.
We thank you for the gift of friendship
And pray that we may grow in love and fellowship.
Bless our homes and all whom we love
And help us always to be mindful of the needs of others,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We enjoy talks by interesting speakers on a variety of subjects, go out for meals, enjoy outings and play the odd game. Some meetings are open to non -members. We also offer a warm welcome to new members.

Lily Mitchelhill, Chairman

Men's Society

We started to get together in September after the COVID-19 pandemic. Our first speaker was David Pickett, talking about the mines around Poynton which was very interesting.

In November, Raymond Floyd gave a talk about growing up in the entertainment world and meeting some famous people, and also about taking up magic. In December, Mr Scargill talked to us about the Railway King again, which was also very interesting.

Brad Torbitt

The Senior Fellowship Group

Sadly, during the past year, we have seen the passing away of members of our group. We acknowledge their treasured friendship and in turn are grateful for the happy times we were able to spend together.

Offers of help have continued throughout the year, phone calls to check on well-being and to enquire if shopping or other help is required. Home visits have taken place and been enjoyed. Visits and phone calls to those who have been sadly bereaved have taken place.

Home communion for those unable to attend church services continues. It is a privilege and honour to visit members of our congregation in friendship and fellowship in their own homes for a home communion service.

A local care home is also visited each month, offering the community for residents to be involved in a home communion service. The number of those attending these services is steadily increasing.

Warm Spaces has been launched and is proving successful offering warmth, refreshments, and friendship to both church members and to those in our community who have seen the sign outside, come in and enjoyed the welcome. The number attending Warm Spaces is steadily increasing. We are grateful to those who help and to those who come.

We look forward with hope to our Senior Fellowship Group taking place in our church once again this year.

Linda Ackerley, Pastoral Worker

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, while mindful of the restrictions necessary due to COVID-19. 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.

Governing Document

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) are charities, which are governed by two pieces of Church of England Legislation, called Measures These are the Parochial Church Powers Measure (1956) as amended and the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are elected or appointed in accordance with these rules.

Membership and Terms of Office 2022

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 2022 the following served as members of the PCC:

Ex-officio Members

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| Vicar | Revd. Sarah Hancock |
| Churchwardens | Mrs Janet Ashman Mr John Ackerley |
| Pastoral Workers | Mrs Linda Ackerley Mrs Clare Russell |

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Mrs Julia Ball
Mrs Clare Russell
Miss Irene Walton
(Deceased July 2022)

The following PCC members were re-elected at the APCM 2022 to serve further terms of 3 years to the APCM 2025:

Sarah Ball, Kate Hughes, Constance Jones, Janet Valentine.

New member elected for a 2-year term until APCM 2024:

Lily Mitchelhill.

Previously elected to serve on the PCC until APCM 2024:

Lisa Bacon (resigned 21.11.22), Frances Pickett, Jeremy Valentine.

Previously elected to serve on the PCC until APCM 2023:

Margaret Epps, Lydia Karuku-Ndungu.

Linda Ackerley, PCC Secretary

Review of the PCC during 2022

The PCC has met on 6 occasions during 2022.

The membership has been at quorum at each PCC meeting, with an average attendance of 14 members out of 17 members at each meeting. The PCC membership at the end of 2022 stood at 15 members due to the changes listed below.

The PCC gratefully thanks Jeremy Valentine for his hard work, valued expertise, and commitment in his role of PCC Treasurer over many years. Jeremy handed over the role of PCC Treasurer to Kate Hughes officially at the PCC meeting of 21.11.22.

The PCC sadly acknowledged the passing away of long standing PCC member Irene Walton, and gave grateful thanks for Irene's service on the PCC and as the Deanery Synod representative.

The PCC acknowledged the resignation of long standing member Lisa Bacon with grateful thanks for her service and valued contributions.

The PCC welcomed Lily Mitchelhill to the PCC membership at the APCM on 08.05.22.

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 Churchwardens have undertaken the care and management of the church, its fabric, and its utilities. Particular reference is noted this year to the extensive work completed by the Churchwardens and the Vicar relating to the broken church boiler and its subsequent replacement.
4. The Churchwardens have kept members informed at each meeting about all 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 Facebook page continues to be populated by a team led by Sarah Ball.
7. The Parish Rooms and its associated business; the supervision and management of the Parish Rooms Supervisor.



Section Six – Finance and Governance

Financial Review

General / Unrestricted Funds

In 2022 the total income on the unrestricted (general) fund was £102,709 (2021 £71,968). Giving, including related Gift Aid and grants, brought in £76,894 (2021 £57,660). The year includes £19,800 rental income (2021 £9,880, which was part year income). The PCC received £3,269 (2021 £3,316) in fees for weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Unrestricted expenditure was £127,483 (2021 £129,052). The largest item of expenditure was the Parish Share at £89,571 (2021 £87,598) representing 70% of unrestricted expenditure (2021 68%). The Parish Share is paid to the Diocese to cover expenditure across the Diocese, a major element being clergy costs. The boiler was finally replaced in December at a cost of £8,160, against which we received £7,910 from our insurers leaving only the excess to cover from our own funds.

We suffered a loss on investments of £713 (2021 gain of £765).

The net movement in the Unrestricted Fund was a reduction of £25,487, which was a significant improvement on the previous year (2021 reduction of £56,319).

Restricted Funds

There were 6 restricted funds (2021 - 4).

A grant of £12 to cover Commonwealth War Graves maintenance was received and spent in the year. The pew cushion fund remained at £9. The fund for streaming services from church remained at £275. The Charities Committee raised income of £836 from the Harvest Lunch, costs against this being £487, and £22 in book sale donations (2021 sale of books £6, no other income). No charities have been nominated as yet to receive these funds and so they have been held over with the balance of £719.

Two new funds were set up during the year following specific donations for Mainly Music and for Repairs and Maintenance. The Mainly Music fund was received and spent during the year. The Repairs & Maintenance fund was received during the year and has so far had £920 spent against it, with a balance of £4,080 remaining.

The net movement in the Restricted Funds was an increase of £4,451.

Total assets, which includes Fixed Assets (see note below) at year-end were £943,027 (2021 £964,063) of which restricted funds were £5,083 and unrestricted funds, including fixed assets, debtors and prepayments, were £937,944. (2021 £963,431).

Fixed Assets account for 2022 was £837,244 (2021 £840,585) the reduction being £2,628 for depreciation (2021 £2,628) and £713 reduction in investments value (2021 gain of £765). Of the total figure, £814,978 represents the Church rebuilding costs.

The old boiler has been removed from the Fixed Assets but this had no effect on the balances as the net book value was zero. The Fixed Assets fund value is not available as usable funds for the Church. Net Current Assets for all funds, mostly cash at bank and invested, amounted to £105,696 at the year-end (2021 £123,478) representing a continued, though this year smaller, reduction of £18,049.

Total net movements across all funds therefore amounted to a reduction of £21,036 after depreciation and year-end adjustments (2021 reduction of £56,413).

Reserves

Note 18 to the Accounts shows the assets and liabilities attributable to the various funds by type, and Note 17 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, that is up to 50% of its annual 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 reduction in funds and continue to consider ways in which the level of annual loss can be addressed. 2022 showed a reduction in deficit when compared with 2021 and 2020. This was partly as a result of the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and partly as a result of an increase in donations and legacies.

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 during 2023.

Policies and procedures are in place covering relevant requirements such as Health and Safety, employment law, Charities Act, and Safeguarding. The buildings are in good repair and maintained on a regular basis. Significant risks are a reduction in church membership, declining income and the use of reserves over the next few years. COVID-19 had a negative impact on our finances however the PCC is confident that there are sufficient resources to cover any issues throughout 2023, and measures will be developed to mitigate the situation.

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, including income and expenditure, 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.

The PCC's annual report has been approved by the PCC and on 23 April 2023 was signed on their behalf by

Rev Sarah Hancock

Chair of the PCC

