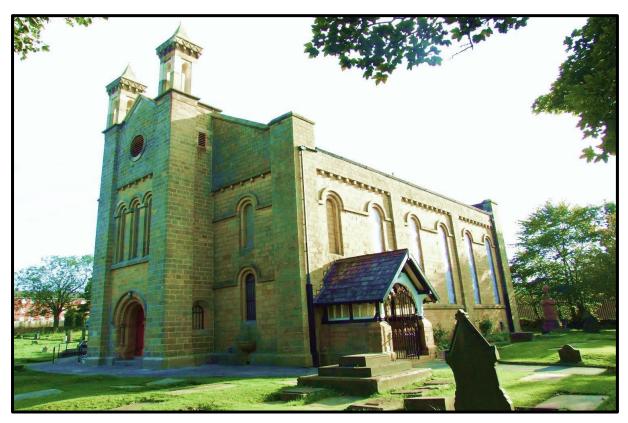
# The Parish of St. Mary Newton with Flowery Field



## 2018 Annual Report

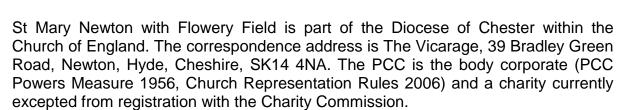
## St Mary's Mission Statement

St Mary's is here to serve God in worship and prayer and to serve all of the people of Newton and Flowery Field. We live to learn more of God and to speak His name through our actions and example.

## **Administrative Information**

#### Key People:

Vicar Associate Minister Vice-Chair Churchwardens Readers PCC Treasurer PCC Secretary Electoral Roll Officer Safeguarding Officer Deanery Synod Reps Elected PCC Member The Rev'd Sheila O'Flaherty The Rev'd Dr Antony Bramley Barry Carey Ian Marshall & David Mayall Linda Marshall & Sara Burgess Angela Chorlton David Mayall John Leigh Sue Wilson Ian Marshall & John Leigh Margaret Lomas, Larraine Ramsden, Pauline Lowe, Karen Leigh, Carrie Wilson



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## **1. Ministry Matters**

## a. The Vicar: The Rev'd Sheila O'Flaherty

This will be my first report as Priest in Charge. Although it seems only like yesterday that we were all gathered together for my licensing service that was actually 9 months ago and we've packed in a lot together in that time.

One of the best things about an annual report is the opportunity to say "Thank you".

So thank you to every single one of you. If I try to thank everyone by name I'm sure to miss someone out or get their name wrong so thank you for everything that you do, whether that's in worship, cleaning, exercising our excellent ministry of

hospitality, maintaining the church, the hall and the graveyard, exercising a ministry of welcome or making sure the music works. Thank you.

Thank you for all your hard work during the interregnum. And thank you for the warm welcome you gave Bernard and me when we arrived in the parish last July.

Thank you for all your hard work, commitment, fun and friendship throughout the last 9 months. I hope you've all enjoyed it as much as I have.

I've been blessed by having two ministry colleagues in Tony (our assistant priest) and Linda (our Reader) and enjoyed their rich and varied ministry. Thank you to you both for all that you do and are. Sadly during the year we said goodbye to our Reader Sara, who is currently at St Paul's Stalybridge. She goes with our best wishes and prayers. We will miss both her ministry especially the music and her friendship.

I've also been blessed by two wonderful church wardens, Dave and Ian, for whom nothing is too much trouble. I know from my incumbent colleagues just how lucky I am.

For your friendship, humour, not being fazed by my random questions, requests or almost anything that happens especially the floral and technology malfunctions !!!! Thank you for all that you have done and going the extra mile, particularly when Jaffa cakes are involved.

#### Worship and spirituality

The Eucharist is at the heart of our life and ministry as a church. That said we enjoy a varied worship life and are exploring different ways of worship. See the section on MAP

In addition to our Sung Eucharist each Sunday morning, we now hold an additional one at 5pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month to enable those who can't get to church for our morning service or have to work. Numbers at our morning service are beginning to grow steadily whilst the evening Eucharist numbers are consistent.

There is a Family Eucharist on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday baptisms take place during the Eucharist.

We continue to hold our midweek Said Eucharist on Wednesday morning which has also seen an increase in attendance.

We have Café Church on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening in the hall which attracts some worshippers who don't attend our other services. Thanks to Ian, for all the preparation and to Tony for leading it.

Regular monthly communion services have been held in the Sycamores, where many of the residents have various forms of dementias, led by Linda, lan and myself. The Christmas carol service at which other members of the congregation were able to attend ending with all the residents singing old songs such as White Christmas in addition to the well-known carols and us all dancing to them. Home Communions have also been offered to the housebound and those in hospitals and residential care by the ministry team. If you know anyone who is ill, in hospital or housebound and needs either the ministry team or pastoral care team to visit, please let me know so no one is left out.

We held a Pet Service in the Church Hall which was very popular and another is planned for later this year. Other special services included Remembrance services both in church and at the war memorial; Saints' days especially those relating to our patron saint, Mary. We are very fortunate as there are about 10 festivals for us to celebrate throughout the year. We also celebrated the Feast of Stephen, on 26<sup>th</sup> December, as this was the dedication of the church in the Flowery Fields part of the parish.

+Libby started off our Advent journey on Advent Sunday with a service of light, hope and reconciliation as we prayed for ourselves, our communities and our world.

There are lots of firsts when you arrive in a parish and I've now (just) experienced my first Lent and Easter as well as my first Advent and Christmas. I've enjoyed journeying with you all immensely and learned such a lot. One particular highlight was being joined on Palm Sunday by Colin and Teddy (donkey and Shetland respectively) and our outdoor service, though it did get quite cold and windy!!! And I think the wardens now finally believe that I'm really not a dawn person.

Another imminent first for me will be our Baptism and Confirmation service with +Peter on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. This will probably be +Peter's last visit to St Mary's before he retires in September this year.

My second first will be admitting some of our young people to Communion before Confirmation, probably at Pentecost as the parish has now been approved by +Peter for this to take place.

The schools came into church for Christmas and Easter services as well as Experience Easter Outside. Relationships with Bradley Green and Oakfield Schools have continued to strengthen with the schools coming into church to celebrate festivals including Experience Easter outside, as well as taking assemblies in both schools.

The uniformed organisations also visited us for Harvest and Remembrance. It was a particular pleasure to be invited to the Scout Group carol service that had some very talented young people showing their talents. And we enjoyed a large congregation in church for the Christingle.

The two bible study groups set up by Tony just over a year ago continue to thrive. Since September the groups have completed 2 Pilgrim courses, an Advent course (Following the Magi) and a Lent course (The Great I Am). We will soon be starting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Pilgrim course (The 10 Commandments). They're open to anyone and you don't need any previous experience. There's a brew and a biscuit (often Jaffa cakes) and you are guaranteed to have fun and learn plenty.

One of the suggestions during our MAP (Mission Action Plan) – see later in my report – was more time for silence during worship as well as times when the church would be open for private prayer. As well as the additional times for silence during

our services the church is usually open an hour before Sunday services and at least 30 minutes before midweek services for prayer. The church is also available for private prayer during Open Church sessions and this is being included in the new parish welcome booklet.

#### Mission Action Plan (MAP)

In March we carried out a MAP (Mission Action Plan) during the service to celebrate the many things we already do and think and pray about at what we could do. We came up with an extensive list and chose these to focus on first:

#### • Youth activities

This was felt to be an important area to focus on as we have very few children and young people coming to St Mary's on a regular basis. JAM and Sunday Morning SMYLE operate on an ad-hoc basis and haven't met regularly for some time. Although there are 7 on the register at our SMYLE youth club, rarely will all of them attend (usually around four and occasionally none)

Some of the suggestions made during the MAP include:

Messy Church, Parent & Tots, work with Schools and uniformed organisations, youth groups, worship aimed at children and youth. These are all ways of encouraging parents to become involved through their children.

I'd like us to have a radical rethink about our Children's & Youth Ministry; what we offer and how and when we do this from birth upwards.

I'd like to have an open meeting one Sunday after the service for all those interested. I'd like us to start off with a blank sheet of paper and an open mind; pray and see where God leads us, and what he has in mind for the development of JAM and SMYLE.as well as new things we might decide to introduce particularly for the younger children.

This won't commit you to doing something, though of course I hope some of you might.

#### • Fund raising and social activities

As you can see from the Treasurer's report it's essential that we have regular fundraising events to make up the shortfall in our giving. So, first of all, **thank you for your generosity** to the mission and ministry of the church and to the upkeep of this church building. Secondly to ask that every year we revisit our giving. We all know that **housekeeping and utility** costs continue to rise, so if you are able to, please **can we think about increasing our giving**.

A small group has already met and planned the first of our Family Food and Film Nights and a Table Top sale. The details are on the Pew sheet. Please try to support these events and brings friends along. If you would like to help the group or have any suggestions please see Ian who is leading the group.

#### • Adding Modern Worship and Music

A small working group (probably starting sometime in June) will explore some suggestions for using modern music and worship and using this in different settings. The group will then report back to the PCC with its recommendations, for further discussion, and hopefully approval

## • Finding places in the Flowery Field end of the parish for activities and worship

At the moment everything takes place in the Newton end of the parish and when we did our MAP we came up with lot of ideas for both activities and worship. Now we just need one or more places to use. Although it wasn't identified in our discussions it may be that there would be suitable places in the Newton part of our parish for people who would find coming to church or our hall difficult or uncomfortable.

If anyone has any suggestions please let me or the wardens know.

Thank you once again for all that you have done and are doing to build fulfil God's mission to his world especially in our communities.

The coming year promises to be very exciting, challenging and, hopefully, a lot of fun with much going on. Please take a pew sheet home with you each week so you don't miss out

A major event later in the year (26th October – 9th November) will see us hosting the Journey into Light Exhibition of prisoners' art work. This will be a good opportunity to invite schools, colleges, other churches and organisations to visit St Mary's to view the exhibition.

We need to start sending out invitations and flyers fairly soon with the details on to make sure educational establishments get it in the calendars to organise visits and for anyone else including dignitaries and the press we might want to invite. There is a lot of resource material available.

It would be good if we could have a group to help plan it as well as volunteers to help with things that need doing. Please see either me or the wardens for more information

I pray that God will keep blessing us and be with us each day as we step out in faith as servant ministers. There is something very special about St Mary's Newton with Flowery Field and it is a privilege to be your Priest in Charge.

## 2. Church Officers

## a. The Churchwardens: Ian Marshall & David Mayall

2018 was a year of highs and lows, in which the highs certainly outweighed the lows.

The main low point of the year was not one, but two thefts of lead from the Chancel Roof, including areas that were only renewed in 2017. It is incredibly frustrating to think that repairs will cost upwards of £20,000, but that those who stole the lead probably sold it for around £100.

Sorting out this problem has been time consuming, and we would both rather spend time on more productive tasks.

The temporary repairs have lasted out over the winter, and it does seem that there is reason to hope that the faculty will be finalised in time to effect repairs during the summer months.

The high point was, of course, the appointment of our new Priest-in-Charge, Sheila.

Our role in appointing Sheila was both a privilege and a weighty responsibility. Unlike the rest of the business of the church where we can deliberate as a PCC, the decision to appoint a priest rests on the shoulders of the two representatives, without the wise counsel of the rest of the PCC.

Clearly, our Prayers that +Libby would discern a candidate that fits at St Marys were answered, and our other prayer that we should have the courage to say "no" to an unsuitable candidate were not needed.

The appointment of a part-time incumbent is a new, and necessary, step for St Mary's. We need to accept that our priest is not available every day, and indeed to ensure that she does in fact work part time rather than full time.

## b. The PCC Treasurer: Angela Chorlton

#### Financial review and reserves policy

2018 saw the end of our interregnum, with Rev'd Sheila's induction taking place in July.

It has been another difficult year financially, our lower congregation numbers led to a decrease in our pledged and plate giving. During 2017 we took the difficult decision to move to a part time incumbent in order to reduce our parish share, the good news is that we have during 2018 paid our parish share in **full** for the year, for the first time in a number of years. Whilst things still remain difficult I believe we are in a much stronger financial position than we have been.

The restricted income of £1,001 comes from fundraising events that have taken place during the year, we are very grateful to the people and organisations that

organised events on our behalf and donated proceeds from their own events, including Sandwich Angels and Heaven's Kitchen. There was a donation received in memory of Norma Wood to our restoration fund. At the end of the year the balance in the account stands at £2,720 and will be used towards our next project, the Nave roof repair. We also received £255 to be used to pay for Sandwich fillings for the Sandwich Angels, all of which was spent in 2018.

The expendable endowment cash balance stands at £57,914 at December 2018, which may be used to fund capital expenditure. During the year the fund paid out £2,630 for the redecoration of the vicarage and temporary repairs to the roof following a lead theft. The solar panels generated returns of £898 during the year to repay the initial cost of the panel installation, this takes the total received since installation to £2,485.

The general unrestricted fund shows a deficit of £2,558 (we spent more than we received), which is worse than the deficit of £1,360 in 2017. However this year we have paid our full parish share provision, compared with the £18,454 remaining unpaid for 2017. Despite the deficit we are in an improving position and can be hopeful that this will improve further during 2019.

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities shows the total amount we owe to Chester Diocese was £72,914 at December 2018 this has remained unchanged from 2017.

Pledged and plate giving has decreased again this year, so we need to continue to work hard to find new ways to increase our level of giving. We have begun to see a small increase in giving towards the end of 2018 which will hopefully continue in to 2019.

Gift Aid remains a significant contributor to our finances. It is crucial that we continue to claim every penny we can, so if you pay income tax on your salary/pension or capital gains tax, and you haven't already signed a gift aid form (or if you aren't sure whether you have) now is a good time to sign a new one.

We have been fortunate to receive donations of £3,435 (2017 - £3,283) over the year. We would like to thank Catherine Cooper for her donation during the year of £170, which was the proceeds of a fun day organised by CCMTT, one of regular hall users.

The Parish Hall has continued to support the Church. We are very grateful for the hard work Alan and Pauline have put in to running and maintaining the Hall. We are also very grateful to Ann, Carol and Edith who continue cleaning the hall, saving us over £2,000 a year. The hire includes £1,500 for amounts donated by the Church in order that Sandwich Angels and Heaven's Kitchen can use the hall rent free to make food for various charities working with the homeless. We are very proud to be able to provide support to the invaluable work they do for our community.

We have continued to keep our expenditure under tight control, there has been a slight increase, the biggest change coming from an increase in gas due to higher usage over the year. We will continue to monitor the money we spend and aim to find the best value for money.

I look forward to the changes to come during the next financial year.

## c. The PCC Secretary: David Mayall

#### Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. and consists of the Clergy, Churchwardens, readers and Deanery Synod representatives ex-officio, together up to 12 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average level of attendance of 83%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees, which include the Standing Committee and a Community Hall Committee are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with reports being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

#### **Activities**

It has been a pleasure to serve on the PCC over the past year, as we moved towards the appointment of our new Priest-in-Charge, and moved seamlessly into working with Sheila.

PCC meetings have now moved to the Vicarage, and the addition of Jaffa Cakes has been one of the early improvements!

With the interregnum but a memory, we can turn our attention to finance, the fabric of the church, and in supporting Sheila in growing the church in Newton and Flowery Field. We will not be idle

## d. The Deanery Synod Reps: Ian Marshall & John Leigh

The Deanery Synod meet regularly with representatives from all the parishes in the deanery. The deanery includes Dukinfield, Stalybridge, Mossley, Mottram, Longdendale, Hyde, and Hattersley.

This year Rev. Alison Cox, our Rural Dean, moved to Bowden Deanery. We wish her well in her new parish. We welcomed Rev. Helen Scarisbrick as our new Rural Dean.

We had three meetings of Synod in 2018.

The first meeting of the year was at St. Mark's, Dukinfield. David Carter and Mike Leigh from St. John's, Dukinfield talked us through the General Data Protection Regulations that were being introduced in May 2018. They offered to help parishes with the work in implementation of the new rules. These affect all churches and the way we collect and use data about parishioners.

The AGM in June was held at St. Mary's, Newton. Emily Allen the Diocesan Buildings Officer spoke to us about working together in the maintenance of our buildings. She offered support to parishes on an individual basis with any building related matters.

The final meeting of the year was at St. Barnabas, Hattersley. Ruth Bull from St. Mark's, Bredbury talked to us about 'Setting God's People Free'. The programme seeks to implement proposals from the 'Setting God's People Free' report presented to General Synod in 2017. These proposals seek effective ways to build up the whole people of God, with a confident faith and vision for the Kingdom of God, which is lived out in homes, schools, communities and places of work.

The Buildings Template presented by Emily Allen at the AGM was also discussed along with General Data Protection Regulations Feedback from Parishes .

As we work together in the deanery we keep the following bible passage in our minds:

'You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God' Jeremiah 14.9

#### e. The Electoral Roll Officer: John Leigh

The 2018 Electoral Roll stood at 113.

In April 2019, the number on the Electoral Roll is 86.

Two people were removed from the Electoral Roll due to their deaths: *Maurice Lee and John William (Jack) Cheetham* 

Nineteen people have been added to the list as part of the revision: David Bartlett, Brian Beard, Darren Beard, Susan Beard, Lorna Bramley, Susan Bruniges, Ann Hall, Deborah Hilton, Harriet Lyons, Gary McNicholas, Brenda Moxon, James Bernard O'Flaherty, Eva Perry, Dawn Pragnall, Hazel Williams, Ian Woodier, Lillian Peake, Patricia Simpson, Peter Robinson

This is a really encouraging outcome. Every six years, churches have to start their Electoral Rolls again from scratch. Most Electoral Rolls get 'flabby' between these revisions and so the huge majority of Electoral Rolls will fall this year.

Although we have fallen in numbers, we have nineteen new additions to the Roll and another three who become 16 in the next twelve months and therefore eligible to be entered on the Roll on their 16th birthday. This makes good news for the Church.

## a. Social Events:

2018 saw a slow return to social events, not least the party to celebrate Sheila's licencing followed by the Vicarage house-warming in the autumn. The new fundraising and social committee will be increasing its efforts in 2019, we look to follow up on the success of the Epiphany meal. The first in our series of Family Food and Film nights will be held in May and the first of our fundraising events (a table top sale) in July. The group is open to new members and welcomes help with the events as well as ideas for future events.

## b. Parish Hall: Alan Lowe

The Hall continues to be well used, during the day and evenings for a wide range of activities. Weekends continue to be popular for children's parties. Sapphire Blue Choir left in May, as they were offered free use of a room at the local pub.

The hall has been used since July 2017 by the "Sandwich Angels" for two hours every Wednesday and Thursday morning. They are a non profit-making group of volunteers who make sandwiches for homeless people.

From August 2018, "Heaven's Kitchen", another volunteer group is allowed free use of the Kitchen 11am - 3.30pm to cook meals which are distributed and served cold to homeless people. We don't charge either them for the use of the hall, and they have organised several fundraising events to show their gratitude.

Servicing of gas equipment, fire extinguishers and alarm system has been carried out and is up to date.

There is a programme of regular inspection and maintenance in place. Most of the day to day repairs have been carried out by myself.

We now employ a contractor to mow around the hall and car park.

Significant work carried out:

- The warm air heating boiler needed the blower motor replacing.
- Lincat water heater had the printed circuit board replaced.
- February O/H projector and sound system installed. PPL/PRS (£177.60) and MPLC (£192) licences obtained. Friendship Club obtained a grant of £250 to cover most of the cost.

The hall continues to be cleaned every week on a rota by Pauline/Edith and Carol/Ann.

It only remains for me to thank all the volunteers who turn up regularly to open/close up, clean and help at functions etc. You all help make the hall an attractive venue to hire.

## c. The Tuesday Friendship Club:

The friendship club continues to run well. Having started as an initiative by members of St Mary's, it has developed into a freestanding group that brings activities and companionship to the wider community in Newton.

## d. Pastoral and Care Team (PACT): Christine Barr

We have tried to care for the sick, elderly and lonely of the parish over the past year and visited the housebound, lonely, bereaved and sick in their homes, hospital and residential care. When needed we've offered help with GP and hospital visits.

A number of our parish passed away during the last year and we give thanks for their lives, their commitment to their families, this community and our church.

Christine Barr has coordinated our pastoral care work for a number of years and would now like to hand the responsibility to someone else.

Christine has enjoyed, and will continue to enjoy, serving the Lord and is happy to do some visiting.

Please could someone consider taking on the role of coordinator of this very important ministry? You don't have to visit people though it would be nice if you could.

Thank you to Christine and all those involved in pastoral care for all you have done and will continue to do to support those in need.

#### e. Church Cleaners:

The cleaning team have got together every 6-8 weeks during the past year. Usually there are about 6 of us but we could do with more help. Cleaning days are flexible to suit people's availability. It's good fun and always includes a brew and a biscuit.

Please could you help with this important ministry to keep our church clean and tidy?

Thank you to for all your hard work and efforts.

#### f. Gardening Team:

Alan and Pauline have continued to work tirelessly to hold things together, and ensure that the churchyard looks at least a little bit loved. From September last year we had regular visits from community payback volunteers who worked hard on the graveyard until Christmas pruning, cutting back and strimming some of the most overgrown and inaccessible parts. We are hoping they will be re-joining us this year. We are very appreciative of their efforts.

## g. Café Church: Ian Marshall

Café church has continued each month, with a good attendance, exploring a side to worship that we don't see in our Sunday morning services, and this has been enjoyed, including by those in the congregation who are traditionalist in their morning worship.

## h. Crafty Chat: Rev'd Tony

Every Wednesday 2pm-4pm Open to all. It's for anyone interested in any form of art or craft including painting, embroidery, card making etc. There's always a brew and biscuits (sometimes cake). If you have a craft you want to bring along and do while you chat that's fine or you can learn a new craft or teach your skill to someone else. Or you can just have a brew and a natter.

## i. Heritage weekend

The parish took part in the Heritage weekend for the first time and was very successful. The excellent displays on the church walls attracted a lot of interest and have been invaluable throughout the year supporting a number of other events most notably our Remembrance Heritage Day with Act of Remembrance on 10th November as well as Remembrance Day itself the following day. We've registered for this year's Heritage week and, as last year be open for the 2 weekends.

## j. Open Church

As part of our successful grant application from English Heritage some time ago we're required to open the church to the public aside from when we're open for worship. We have a small number of people who are on the rota (usually just one hour) but need more especially for Tuesday afternoon. At the moment we open Tuesdays and Wednesday from 10am – 3pm but the times and days could be open to change to suit volunteers!

## 4. Youth and Children's Work

#### a. Creche and JAM (up to Year 5):

Due to low numbers of Children in the relevant age groups, the Creche and JAM have operated only on an ad-hoc basis this year. Our Mission Action Plan will be focussing on attracting more young people in the year ahead.

## b. SMYLE (for Years 6 to 11): John Leigh

The youth group, for children in Year 6 and above, is called SMYLE, which stands for <u>**S**</u>t <u>**M**</u>ary's <u>**Y**</u>oung, <u>**L**</u>ively and <u>**E**</u>nergetic. The group is now well into its 14th year and meets every Sunday evening during term time between 6.30 and 8.00pm.

After the Beast from the East in spring 2018, we were treated to a beautiful summer and most of our games were played outside. We finished the summer term with our now traditional walk across the fields of Matley and end of term visit to the Rising Moon for drinks and snacks.

In September 2019, Bernard joined our leadership team and, although our numbers have fallen, new games introduced by Bernard became very popular – especially Torch Tick and Hit the Skittle. We also played old favourites such as Murder in the Dark, and SMYLE's version of Piggy in the Middle.

Ten of us finished our autumn programme with our Christmas outing to Hollywood Bowl in Ashton. I managed to score the equivalent of an own goal (if there is such a thing in bowling) by going out of turn and scoring my only strike of the evening which went onto Karen's total – she took full advantage and went on to win the leaders' game. Meanwhile, we noticed that a ball had got stuck half way down the lane and a member of staff had to help get the other SMYLE game started again – but at least they kept in turn and showed the leaders how it should be done!

After Christmas, our spring programme commenced with Consequences and Balloon Football, more Torch Tick, Bingo, and Indoor Archery where quite a few showed that Robin Hood might meet his match if he ever came to Newton.

We finished our spring programme with eight of us visiting the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester. We all had a good time, and the souvenir shop also proved very popular with the children. We are hoping for another summer like last year so our games can be played outside once again.

Many thanks to our leaders Karen, Amy and Bernard who give up their Sunday evenings to help with the group, and to the parents and carers who have supported us throughout the year.

## c. Safeguarding & Child Protection: Sue Wilson

Safeguarding is a vital backroom job. Provided it works well, nobody notices that it is working. When it doesn't, everybody notices. Thanks to Sue's diligent work, it has continued to work well.

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard for the guidance issued by the House of Bishops regarding Safeguarding, and is satisfied that all Clergy, Readers and Churchwardens have likewise complied with their duties under this measure.



#### Appendix A

#### ST MARYS' NEWTON WITH FLOWERY FIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Exp.				Exp.		
	Restrict	Endow	Unrestrict	Total	Restrict	Endow	Unrestrict	Total
	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME								
Pledged givings and								
open plate	-	-	15,834	15,834	-	-	17,403	17,403
Fees	-	-	2,460	2,460	-	-	2,647	2,647
Fees payable to Chester	-	-	1,576	1,576	-	-	2,019	2,019
Restoration fund	1,002	-	-	1,002	1,571	-	-	1,571
Charitable givings	254	-	718	972	-	-	142	142
Sundries	-	-	25,030	25,030	-	-	20,745	20,745
Solar panel income	-	-	898	898	-	-	731	731
Income - Inv held by								
Chester	-	-	77	77	-	-	49	49
	1,256	-	46,593	47,849	1,571	-	43,736	45,307
EXPENDITURE								
Restoration	-	-	1,350	1,350	2,474	-	-	2,474
Church maintenance	-	-	11,491	11,491	-	-	8,963	8,963
Church expenses	-	-	3,404	3,404	986	-	2,490	3,476
Vicarage maintenance	-	-	1,921	1,921	-	-	2,075	2,075
Working expenses	-	-	2,478	2,478	-	-	1,442	1,442
Chester Diocese: Parish								
share	-	-	26,307	26,307	-	-	26,400	26,400
Charitable givings	254	-	2,357	2,611	-	-	1,446	1,446
Fees paid to Chester	-	-	1,576	1,576	-	-	2,019	2,019
Social fund	-	-	-	-	68	-	-	68
SMYLE, JAM, Messy &								
Café Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	44
	254	-	50,884	51,138	3,528	-	44,879	48,407
Funds transfer	-	(1,732)	1,732	-	(514)	731	(217)	-
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	1,002	(1,732)	(2,559)	(3,289)	(2,471)	731	(1,360)	(3,100)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

Parish Share : unpaid Parish Share due to Chester Diocese is not included in the expenditure above:

Unpaid Parish Share	-	-	-	-	-	-	(18,454)	(18,454)
Deficit inc. Parish Share	1,002	(1,732)	(2,559)	(3,289)	(2,471)	731	(19,814)	(21,554)

Restricted Fund transfer

In 2017 the remaining donation after the AV equipment has been purchased was transferred to the general funds. Expendable Endowment Funds transfer:

During the year the following amounts were transferred in/out of the expendable endowment:

£899 (2017: £731) was received from the solar panels and transferred to the expendable endowment.

£1,280 (2017: £10,000) was used towards decoration of the vicarage and £1,056 (2017: £nil) was used to repair the roof after the lead theft and £294 (2017: £nil) was used for a faculty application fee.

ANALYSIS OF INCOME:		
	2018	2017
	£	£
INCOME		
Pledged givings	14,346	15,132
Open plate	1,488	2,271
	15,834	17,403
Fees	2,460	2,647
Fees payable to Chester	1,576	2,019
Restoration		
Grant income	-	412
Donations	1,002	1,159
	1,002	1,571
Charitable givings		
Sandwich Angels: Sandwich		
Fillings	255	-
World Vision: Christmas Card	28	-
Songs of Praise service	162	-
Induction collection	321	-
Christingle & Childrens Society	207	142
	972	142
Sundries		
Bank interest	69	64
Gift aid recovered	4,530	4,889
Clergy fees reimbursed by Chester	4 674	705
Vicarage costs reimbursed	1,871	706
Parish Hall income (see	603	-
analysis)	13,542	11,215
Candles	284	114
Newsletter box		22
in memoria	132	
Donations	3,435	3,284
Tuesday Singers	268	151
Organist fees	80	
Verger's fees	175	250
Sexton fees	40	50
SEXUMPLES	25,030	20,745
	23,030	20,743
Solar panel income	898	731
solar parter medite	070	/31
income - inv held by Chester	77	49
income - invited by citester		
	47 840	45,307
	47,849	45,307

	2018	2017
	£	£
Restoration		
Professional fees	-	-
Repairs	1,350	-
Chancel roof building works	-	2,474
Parish hall roof	-	-
	1,350	2,474
Church maintenance		
Gas	1,390	558
Electricity	398	238
Water	178	44
Insurance	2,421	2,318
Organ maintenance	298	283
Parish hall expenses (see analysis)	6,095	5,041
Repairs	711	481
	11,491	8,963
Church expenses		
Organist fees	40	-
Altar requisites	424	348
Flowers	15	-
Miscellaneous	355	288
AV equipment	-	986
Parish stationery	2,570	1,854
	3,404	3,476
Vicarage maintenance		
Water	166	521
Repairs & vacancy costs	1,755	150
Rates	-	1,404
	1,921	2,075
Clergy expenses	2,478	1,442
Chester Diocese: Parish share	26,307	26,400
Charitable givings	,	,
Sandwich Angels (in lieu of rent)	1,425	-
Heaven's Kitchen (in lieu of rent)	419	-
British Red Cross	-	400
Chester Diocesan Family Trust	321	-
World Vision	28	-
Children's Society	207	142
Mottram Deanery	50	50
Open doors (inc social fund)	-	400
Infinity Iniatives	162	400
Fountain of Peace	-	24
Shelter		30
Free section of the s	2,611	1,446
Fees remitted to Chester	1,576	2,019
Creche & JAM	-	35
Café Church	-	9
Social fund	-	68
	51,138	48,407

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE:

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	Restrict 2018 £	Exp. Endow. 2018 £	Unrestrict 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Restrict 2017 £	Exp. Endow. 2017 £	Unrestrict 2017 £	Total 2017 £
Fixed assets								
Plant & machinery	-	14,300	-	14,300	-	14,300	-	14,300
Fixed asset investments	-	-	15,528	15,528	-	-	15,451	15,451
	-	14,300	15,528	29,828	-	14,300	15,451	29,751
Bank and cash	2,820	57,914	3,478	64,212	1,818	59,646	6,114	67,578
TOTAL ASSETS	2,820	72,214	19,006	94,040	1,818	73,946	21,565	97,329
Creditors (Chester								
Diocese)	-	-	(72,914)	(72,914)	-	-	(72,914)	(72,914)
NET ASSETS	2,820	72,214	(53,908)	21,126	1,818	73,946	(51,349)	24,415

#### ST MARYS' NEWTON WITH FLOWERY FIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### PARISH HALL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

	2018	2018	2017	2017
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Regular hire income	9,678		9,174	
Other hire income	2,270		1,942	
Rent gifted by Church	1,588			
Other income	6		99	
		13,542		11,215
EXPENDITURE				
Cleaning	-		-	
Utilities	2,068		1,598	
Repairs & maintenance	2,780		2,571	
Insurance	633		600	
Sundry expenses	614		272	
		6,095		5,041
Surplus	-	7,447		6,174

#### The Church of St Mary, Newton with Flowery Field

#### Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Mary, Newton with Elowery Field

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2018.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- statutory fees were not accounted for correctly

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

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1 April 2019