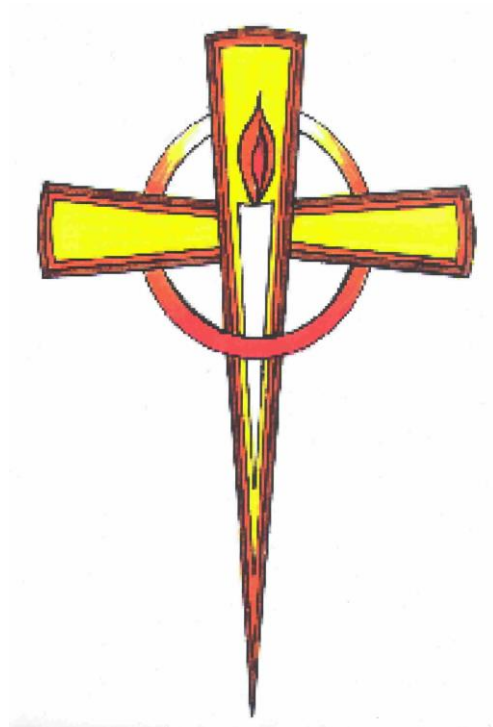


**PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH WALMERSLEY
IN THE UNITED BENEFICE OF WALMERSLEY ROAD**

**IN THE DEANERY OF BURY
AND THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER**



**ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 & FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

The Parish of Christ Church, Walmersley, Bury – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 24th May 2021.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the charity Commission.

Vicar	Revd. David Thompson
Retired Clergy	Revd. Ralph Mallinson Revd. Keith Trivasse
Reader Emeritus	Mrs Margery Spencer Mrs Barbara Silvester. Mrs Pam Cowie
ALM	Mr Nigel Silvester
ALM	Mr Ian Banks
Church Wardens	Mrs Jennifer Wood Mr Jason Edwards

PCC Members who have served during the period of this report are:

Lay Chairman	Mrs Barbara Taylor
Treasurer	Mrs Barbara Taylor
Secretary	Mr Ian W Riddick
Representatives Deanery Synod	Mrs Barbara Taylor
Elected Members	Mr Ian Riddick Mr David Peters Mr Geoffrey Hamilton Mrs Patricia Stokes Mr Geoff Stokes Mrs Hazel Bamford Mrs Lillian Lees
Reader Emeritus	Mrs Barbara Silvester
Diocesan Synod	Mrs Cath Hilton.

SIDESPERSIONS

Miss P J Hoyle
Mr D J Peters
Mrs K Whipp
Mr I W Riddick
Mr Geoff Hamilton
Mrs B Walker

Other Officers

Child Protection & Safeguarding co-ordinator. Mrs Catherine Hilton.

Electoral Roll Officer	Mr David Peters
Planned Giving & Gift Aid	Mr Robert Taylor
Independent Examiner	Mr Alastair Gillian DipFS ACIB

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

As of the 24th May 2021, the number on the CCW Electoral Roll is 82, with non-residents totalling 16

David Peters

Electoral Roll Officer

Warden's report 2020

Since the last APCM meeting due to Covid and the lockdowns there has been very little to report. The wardens have continued to assist with ensuring all the Covid regulations have been followed at church services and funerals when these have taken place.

Jennifer and Jason.

PCC Secretary's report

The PCC has not met in person since the last APCM, in addition there has been one Zoom meeting and one meeting using email.

The PCC has the responsibility of working with the minister of the Parish in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the maintenance responsibilities for the church building, church hall, churchyard and adjacent field.

The following are the main points discussed during 2020/2021

- The Zoom meeting on the 28th of July was held to agree that we get a charities act report valuation for the field. In addition, the question of VAT for the church was discussed and other contract points were also discussed.
- The email meeting was held in order to get each PCC members views on various options regarding the contract for the field.

Ian Riddick PCC Secretary.

Financial Review for year ended 31st December 2020

2020 was a totally unprecedented year with the Covid-19 pandemic affecting us from mid-March. Christ Church remained open for private prayer and for public worship whenever lockdowns allowed. Financially we survived far better than many other churches, although we did continue to operate very close to the agreed reserves level of £5,000.

We are grateful to those who moved their giving to standing order during this year and would encourage all who are able to do so. Many ensured envelopes were filled weekly even though they were unable to come to church but nevertheless our planned giving levels fell by 6.2%. Plate collections however fell by 46% to £2,683.

In 2019 we had paid 85% of our Parish Share ie £25,500 and following a Discussion and Agreement meeting with diocesan officials had agreed figures for the following three years. This meant that in 2020 we were asked for £27,000 (instead of the calculated £33,740) but it was important that this was met and we are able to confirm that this was achieved. By paying on a regular basis throughout the year we have also received a £540 credit from the Encouragement Scheme.

Generally, income streams fell significantly or disappeared completely with the restrictions in place, as would be expected. Similarly, many expenses fell significantly.

The result is a deficit of expenditure over income in restricted funds of £37 and in general funds of £616.

Restricted income and expenditure relate mainly to churchyard maintenance with a need for people to access family graves.

As reported last year, whilst negotiations continue regarding the potential sale of the church field, we continue to incur significant professional fees, including our solicitor the Diocesan Registrar. Most will be paid from the sale proceeds but we did have to pay £1,500 for the required report for the Charity Commission (effectively giving us a surplus for the year in general funds of £884).

On a positive note, we benefitted from being less dependent on church hall rents and on fundraising than are many parishes. From a less positive perspective, we have a mainly elderly

congregation and are unlikely to recover completely from the effects of the past year. The position in 2021 is of great concern and currently we are operating very close to our reserve level. The financial position of the Diocese of Manchester is of great concern also. We have been asked, as in 2020, for an estimate of how much parish share we shall be able to contribute and at present I feel unable to confirm our ability to meet the agreed figure of £29,000.

As we hopefully move closer to the sale of our field, we must take our ongoing financial position, as well as the vision for the church in this diocese, into our plans for the future. To repeat what I said last year, we need to be in a position to take the Parish of Christ Church Walmersley forward as a living, vibrant, enthusiastic, growing body of Christians, with a mission to spread God's love throughout our community. We shall not do that unless we are willing to commit ourselves spiritually, practically and financially.

Canon Barbara C Taylor
Hon Treasurer

May 2021

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT AID 2020.

As at the end of the current financial year, there are 52 members in the Planned Giving Scheme.

Receipts through the scheme for the twelve months to 31st December 2020 totalled £29,415, a DECREASE of £1,966 over the previous year.

Of the members 45 have signed Gift Aid declarations, resulting in an estimated tax rebate claim to be made of £6,779.

I would ask any taxpayers who have not already done so to consider completing a Gift Aid declaration. Each £10 given is then worth £12.50 to the church.

Thank you to all who are members of the Planned Giving Scheme for your committed giving.

Any new members will be more than welcome! I can be contacted in church; on 764 0483 or by e-mail taylorbob36@live.co.uk

Bob Taylor
Planned Giving Officer

"Freely you have received
Freely give."

(St. Matthew 10 v 8).

Independent Examiner's Report
to
The Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Walmersley

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out in the accompanying pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As PCC members you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145(1)(a) of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act;
 - and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;
- have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Alastair Gillian DipFS ACIB
53 Burnedge Fold Road
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Oldham
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15th May 2021

CHRIST CHURCH WALMERSLEY PCC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Receipts & Payments A/C	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total 2020		Total 2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts								
Planned Giving	27,116						28,102	
	2,299						3,280	
Open collections		29,415					4,948	
Income tax recovered		2,683					8,749	
Donations [see note 3a]		9,086					1,535	
Legacy		964					2,000	
Activities generating funds [see note 3b]							3,898	
Church activity [see note 3c]		206	500				11,766	
Investment income (bank interest)		5,127	6				15	
				506	47,987		64,293	
Payments								
Diocesan Parish Share		27,000					(25,500)	
Other payments [see note 3d]		21,097	543				(35,534)	
				(543)	(48,640)			
Balance - Receipts / Payments								
		(616)		(37)	(653)		3,259	
Statement of Funds								
Balances at 1 January 2020		11,895		6,164	18,059		14,799	
(Decrease)/Increase in Funds		(616)		(37)	(653)		3,259	
Balances at 31 December 2020								
		11,279		6,127	17,406		18,058	

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Represented by:

Cash Funds at 31 December 2020

Barclays Current Account
Barclays Deposit Account
Cash on Hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
	9,349	50		
	1,906	5,755		
	24	322		
	<u>11,279</u>	<u>6,127</u>	<u>17,406</u>	<u>18,058</u>

Assets retained for church use

Assets recognised but not valued include:

Church hall building;
Area of land at rear of church buildings known as "The Church Field" and including the former tennis courts [which are in a state of disrepair];
Mowers, strimmers and various gardening implements;
Scan printer and laminator - plus stock of paper etc;
Tea urns, kitchen equipment and stock of cutlery & crockery;
Quantity of chairs & tables;
I.T. & media equipment and stationery items;
DIY equipment including ladders and steps.

The attached notes on pages 3/5 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the PCC on 21 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by Revd Dave Thompson [Vicar]

Prepared by Canon Barbara C Taylor [PCC Treasurer]
Examined and found correct by Mr Alastair Gillian DipFS ACIB

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Notes to the Accounts

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2011 using the Receipts & Payments basis.

2. Other than reimbursement of expenses incurred and organist fees to Mr G Stokes, there were no other payments to PCC members.

3. Receipts & Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
a. Donations				
Sundry	964	-	964	1,535
b. Activities generating funds				
Fund raising events	-	-	-	-
Thursday Lunches donations	150	-	150	-
Printing sales	-	-	-	-
Tea and coffee after services	56	-	56	-
	206	-	206	3,898
c. Church Activity Receipts				
Fees	1,140	-	1,140	-
Church Hall room hire	3,879	-	3,879	-
Magazine sales	103	-	103	-
Churchyard maintenance	-	500	500	-
Miscellaneous income	5	-	5	-
	5,127	-	5,127	11,766
d. Church Activity Payments				
Insurance	7,968	-	7,968	8,267
Gas/Water/Electricity	3,783	-	3,783	7,896
Administration	275	-	275	601
Hall cleaning	656	-	656	2,413
Clergy expenses (incl housing)	3,209	-	3,209	5,046
Magazine printing costs	692	-	692	749
Other printing costs	196	-	196	929
Organist fees	610	-	610	1,935
Worship resources	867	-	867	1,077
Mission costs	251	-	251	354
Church building [note 4]	635	-	635	2,333
Church Hall building [note 5]	223	-	223	1,919
Church Grounds	57	543	600	363
Miscellaneous expenditure [note 6]	1,675	-	1,675	828
	21,097	543	21,640	34,710

CHRIST CHURCH WALMERSLEY PCC
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Notes to the Accounts, continued

4. Church Building	£	5. Church Hall	£	6. Miscellaneous expenditure	£	£	NON PCC
Clock service	257	Boiler repairs	102	Charity Commission report	1,500		
Fire extinguisher maintenance	121	Fire extinguisher maintenance	121	Fees paid to MDBF			175
Tower handrail	250						
Locks	7						
	<u>635</u>		<u>223</u>		<u>1,500</u>		<u>175</u>
7. Miscellaneous Income	£						
Bank error	5						
	<u>5</u>						

7. Miscellaneous Income

Addendum - Charitable Donations by CCW 2020 - not through PCC	£	£	
Children's Society	n/a		
Christian Aid (donations at harvest)	82		

[Christingle / collection boxes / donations]

MEMO: Agency Collection

Non PCC Fees received	£	3,181	£
Fees to Manchester DBF		(3,356)	
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There were no donations in 2020 from Copper Collections or Thursday Lunches owing to the coronavirus pandemic and its implications and restrictions, so income has been carried forward to 2021.

Ongoing support continues to be given to:

- Porch Box, Caritas and the Attic Project with donations of foodstuff, etc;
- Wood Street and Salvation Army with Christmas toys;
- the Night Shelter with foodstuff, etc.

CHRIST CHURCH WALMERSLEY PCC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Individual Accounts [Apart from the Church Account all the accounts listed represent restricted funds]

	£		£	£
Church	11,895	Opening Balance	47,481	11,279
			(48,097)	Closing Balance
Choir	450	Opening Balance	-	450
Barcroft Wolstenholme	234	Opening Balance	-	
			(44)	
		Less tfr to Flower Fund	(155)	
		tfr Altar Linen Fund	(35)	
		donation for flowers on altar		Closing Balance
				NIL
Lychgate	632	Opening Balance	1	633
Disabled Access	1,517	Opening Balance	1	1,518
Repairs / Renovation	2,635	Opening Balance	2	2,637
Church Flowers	436	Opening Balance	640	
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		Plus donations interest	44	
		tfr Barcroft Wolstenholme	(507)	
		Less purchases	(98)	516
		adjustment re prior years		Closing Balance
Altar Linen	217	Opening Balance	1	373
			155	Closing Balance
Churchyard Maintenance	43	Opening Balance	-	
			(43)	Closing Balance
		Plus interest		NIL
		Less contribution to replacement mower		
Total Balances	18,059			17,406

[Bank interest is allocated to all funds held in Restricted Accounts but does not show above where the amount is less than £1]

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of Christ **Church Walmersley**

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to provide supervision.
- Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese.
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.
- Each worker with children and young people must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed **Cath Hilton** to be the Child Protection/ Safeguarding Coordinator.
- **Children and young people are an important part of our Church today.**
- **They have much to give as well as to receive.**
- **We will listen to them**
- **As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of Children and Young People.**

PCC committees and Organisations were not asked for reports this year in view of the restrictions placed on everyone from March 2020 by the Covid-1 pandemic.

The following reports were written for the APCM of St John with St Mark's but are groups welcoming members from this parish too.

Men of the Benefice report 2020

The Men of the Benefice did manage one meeting in late January at the Towler and this was led by Barry Evans on his recent trip to Australia to visit his son. It was an informative and personal talk from Barry, which also gave an insight into the Bush fires that occurred whilst Barry was there. We were shown some great photographs and enjoyed listening to the talk. I recall the evening going on quite late! Trainee Ordinand Gary was also in attendance.

Obviously the COVID-19 pandemic meant that the MOB were unable to meet again last year, although we may have exchanged waves in the street, met on Zoom and chatted over the phone.

It is difficult to say when the group can resume, but hopefully we can get together in some way during this coming year. Any thoughts or suggestions, please contact me.

David Robinson

Walking Group report 2020

We managed to begin 2020 with a couple of walks in crisp winter sunshine. On 11th January we took a trip around one of our regular haunts, the three reservoirs of Bolton, namely Jumbles, Turton & Entwistle and Wayoh. From what I remember of this, it was unusually mild for mid-January. These reservoirs are always great places to visit and not too far away. Once restrictions are eased I would recommend a visit if you possess a car. Even if you do not fancy the walk, you will find it pleasant just to spend time sitting around the reservoirs.

Some of us also completed this walk again on 21st March, just before the lockdown began.

Just three of us set off on 8th February for a local walk taking in Burrs, Kirklees Valley, Irwell Sculpture Trail and Summerseat. I recall this being another pleasant day with many people about; just before a storm was to take hold causing severe flooding for parts of this area and beyond.

Sadly, that was as far as we managed to get until restrictions were eased later in the year and we were able to get out on 5th September with another local walk through Burrs, the old Bolton and Bury canal and Elton Reservoir. By this time we noticed how we had become accustomed to stepping further to one side for others, after six months of social distancing.

Tightened restrictions and the rule of six meant it was difficult to plan anything after this date so that was it for 2020. It is likely that this group could resume before others as we are outdoors, and some have already expressed a wish to continue or join us. We will keep an eye on guidance before committing to any dates. Maybe a Benefice walk around the boundaries may be able to take place in the Summer? If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please speak to me.

Best foot forward, David Robinson

OPEN Group report 2020

We had a fully planned programme of events for 2020, however sadly we only managed the one meeting on 11th March. This was an interactive session sat in a circle to discuss our memories, led by the Vicar. We discussed the individual memories we had of various situations and events in our lives, ranging from music, films, TV shows, current affairs and family events. There was also a question "Do we remember our first telephone we had?" Our trainee Ordinand Gary was also with us for this meeting.

That was all we were able to manage for 2020. It is currently uncertain as to when this group can resume and what the format will be although some cancelled speakers have said they will be happy to fill slots on future programmes. Please speak to me if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

David Robinson