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**The Parish of
St Mary in the Baum
Rochdale**



**Annual Report
of the Parochial Church Council 2018**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary in the Baum, Rochdale

For the year ended 31st December 2018

An Anglican Church in the Diocese of Manchester and the Province of York

Administrative information

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Official correspondence to the Vicar, Revd Mark Coleman, at the above address.

The following people served as PCC members and trustees of the Charity (unless indicated otherwise):

Incumbent: Revd. Mark Coleman
Licensed Lay Minister: Wendy Cocks, Jane Hyde (licensed June 2017, left June 2018))
Ordinand: Amy Sheridan on placement (from September 2017 to February 2019)
Churchwardens: Vacant
Deputy Churchwardens: None
Sidespeople: Wendy Cullen, Jack Coulson, Margaret Wilson, Margaret Simmonds, Kate Siddle.
Deanery Synod Representatives: Vacant

Elected Members: Andrea Pollock; Margaret Simmonds; Ann Sutcliffe
(from April 2017, co-opted previously)
Valerie Leach and Wendy Cullen (Treasurer)

The Electoral Roll Officer was Ann Sutcliffe.
The Safeguarding Officer was Andrea Pollock.

Bankers: HSBC
Independent Examiner: Martin Butterworth
Legal Advisors: The Registry of the Diocese of Manchester.
Architect: Bill Glaister, Overton Architects, IDC Valley Drive, Ilkley, LS29 8AL.

Day to day management control of the Church was exercised by the Standing Committee. This has comprised the Incumbent, the PCC Treasurer, Mrs Leach and Mrs Sutcliffe. The Standing Committee is contactable via the Vicar on 01706 632809

Staff

Verger: Vacant
Organist: Andrew Preston
Deputy Organist: Mrs K Derham

Volunteer Staff

Sexton: Vacant
Sacristan: Vacant

Structure, Management and Governance

The Parish of St Mary in the Baum, Rochdale PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The Parochial Church Council is not registered with the Charity Commission.

The PCC was formed on the 22nd August 2014 when the previous Parish of St Chad, St Mary and St Edmund Rochdale was dissolved under a scheme made by the Church Commissioners under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. A new Parish of St Chad, Rochdale was also created under this measure within the new united benefice of St Chad, St Mary in the Baum and St Edmund Rochdale.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operated one subcommittee: The Standing Committee. Membership comprised in 2017: Incumbent, Treasurer, Margaret Simmonds, Ann Sutcliffe and Val Leach, .

PCC members normally receive induction training including trustee responsibilities, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management, and child protection procedures.

Related trusts:

St John's Mission Room Trust. The PCC has received grants in previous years from the Trust which is managed by Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance.

Risk Assessments:

To identify their major risks, the PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments. Procedures were then put in place to manage those risks and minimize their impact on the life of the church.

Financial Risk

An annual budget is usually prepared to ensure short term viability. Actual results compared with budget are reported to the PCC quarterly. The investments held by the PCC are reviewed by the PCC. Investments are only made if they are of low risk and approved for charity use. All assets are insured.

Reserve levels are reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC has approved internal controls for annual accounts; cash and cheque handling implemented with Diocesan assistance and intends to implement more internal controls within the parish over the next twelve months.

Health and Safety

The PCC has been appraised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and these are being complied with. Specific procedures for recording accidents are in place. These procedures are reviewed on an annual basis and formally reported to the PCC.

All Wardens and Sidespeople are aware of Fire Safety procedures.

Plans have been agreed with the parish church of St Chad, Rochdale for services to be held there in event of the church becoming unusable for a limited period.

Children and Vulnerable Adult Protection

The PCC adopted the revised Diocesan policies (2017) for the protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. It is the policy of the PCC that all those who work with or alongside children or vulnerable adults in designated roles make a volunteer application and declaration, and obtain 2 references and be in possession of DBS clearance if required.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC's aims to consult with the Vicar on matters of general concern to the parish and promote in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical. The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Achievements and performance

The following sections highlights the areas of activity and performance in the last year.

Vicar's Report

I am grateful to the PCC for their support and efforts for the ministry of God in the parish. A Parish church such as St Mary's has an important role to play in a community with great social and economic needs and a diversity of faiths and cultures. It has been a pleasure to work with other Christian denominations through the fraternal of town centre clergy and with local mosques and other people of goodwill in advancing the common good.

This year saw St Mary's continuing to work with the Red Cross, we were proud to host this important work. Following a conversation with colleagues at the Salvation Army, where many of our asylum seeker congregation were being taught English, we recognised there was an issue with the housing of destitute asylum seekers and refugees. Out of this came the inaugural meeting at St Mary's in August 2018 of Rochdale Churches working against destitution. We have been involved in continuing work supporting refugees across the town, many of whom worship at St Mary's in the Baum. A number of successful appeals have been supported against the Home Office.

Following their excellent event for Black History Month the local group Caring and Sharing was given a grant by the Council to rent a base for their development work. Nicky Iginla leads a session every Tuesday morning, which involves many residents from St Mary's parish and wider afield.

I am grateful to our excellent musicians Andrew Preston and Kathryn Derham for the part they play in worship. Towards the end of the year it was clear that the organ needed some repair work and a quote was obtained. An appeal launched early in 2019 with the enthusiastic support of the Bishop of Middleton.

The Toad Lane concerts continue to bring in around 30-50 people for an excellent concert and lunch. The social value of these events is enormous, countering loneliness and isolation, as well as providing a platform for talent.

It is a concern that the number attending for worship on a Sunday is low. There was some growth in the year with the number of young people boosted by two families. Sadly those families have now moved on. The mid-week Wednesday congregation has also seen some decline

My thanks to my colleagues who have worked with me in ministry in the benefice. We were delighted that Jane Hyde (licensed Reader in 2017) is now continuing towards priesting in 2019. Wendy Cocks juggles her ministry as Reader at the churches with her day job and duties as councillor, and I am grateful for all that she does in pastoral support and leading worship. We were grateful for all the hard work by Amy Sheridan (on a three-year placement from the St Mellitus College) with children at St Mary's and wish her well at her new placement in Castleton.

St Mary's is committed to seeing wider use of this beautiful building by the arts and music community. It was therefore a joy to welcome the Rochdale Organists association for their annual meeting. The Pioneers Museum is an important community partner and it was good to host the first Co-op Gig. This brought a much younger audience into the church, and supported the development of local talent.

The St Mary's gardens have received much care and attention and looked exceptionally good when the Britain in Bloom judges visited. MY thanks to all who cared for church and building so well.

Retired clergy provided much assistance and our sincere thanks go to them. Revds Howell, Chow, Hill, and others have been stalwarts. It has been very helpful to have their help on 3 Sundays out of 4 on a Sunday enabling me to not rush from church to church. To provide more continuity we have arranged for Revd Christopher Halliday to provide more regular help. Bishop Mark and Archdeacon Cherry have also supported the weekly pattern of worship.

My thanks to our neighbouring churches, particularly St Chad's with whom we share a benefice but also Christ Church Healey, All Saints Hamer and St Anne's Belfield. We are working with them, and St Chad's towards a team ministry.

Revd Mark Coleman

Warden's report on the Fabric and Furnishings

The Church has no Wardens and no report is available.

PCC Secretary's Report

The Church has no PCC Secretary and no report is available.

Summary of Deanery Meetings 2018

13th March (Christ Church Healey)

The meeting agreed a 5-Point Mission Action Plan (MAP) for the Rochdale Deanery:

- Showing the love of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to the Youth in Rochdale
- Reducing isolation in Rochdale
- Setting God's people free in Rochdale
- Improving the provision for children in our churches
- Being a church in a multi-cultural and multi-faith town

4th June (St. Thomas', Newhey)

- The meeting discussed our Deanery link with the Manchester Diocesan Synod, and the selection process for our Diocesan reps for the 2018-2021 triennium.
- Update from DMPC, regarding the Church Commissioners bid, and the two remaining single parishes in the deanery.

25th July (St. Mary in the Baum)

Speaker – Jamie Mackenzie on ALM's

Jamie gave a very enjoyable talk on what ALM's were, why we have them, how they are trained, and the long term vision.

7th Nov (St Chad's)

The meeting split into smaller groups to discuss the strategic vision of the Deanery:

- What is the point of the Deanery?
- What qualities do we need?
- How do we live out our vocation as the Deanery of Rochdale?

The groups shared something from their discussions, which will be revisited at a future meeting.

D.M.P.C. Meetings 2018

25th Jan (St Mary in the Baum)

- Clergy allocation reducing to 7 by 2025, and the need to be 'Fit for Mission'.
- Impending vacancies in the deanery, and the implications for the remaining single parishes.
- Progress on the preparation of the Church Commissioners bid.

3rd Oct (St. Barnabas, Shore)

A map showing the Rochdale Deanery split into 3 Mission Clusters (West, Central and East) was circulated and discussed. Reps were asked to take these maps to their PCC's for comment, and respond back to the Deanery.

27th Nov (St. Ann's, Belfield)

The meeting split into groups corresponding to the proposed Mission Clusters to discuss what things could be done as a Mission Cluster. Suggestions included: Social events, periodic newsletters, special services/celebrations, safe-guarding, PAT testing.

Clergy Changes

Ivan Ruiters, Tony Ford and Tim Wickham moved from the Rochdale Deanery during 2018.

Anne Gilbert (curate at Dearnley) and Gill Barnett (Vicar for Healey, Hamer and Belfield) moved into the Rochdale Deanery during 2018, as did Janet Pitman (vicar for Milnrow and Newhey) in February 2019.

Safeguarding Report

Regular reports were provided to the Church Council during the year on safeguarding. The PCC has adopted the Diocesan revised policy. St Mary's Church currently has no regulated activities with vulnerable adults or children.

Andrea Pollock

Safeguarding Officer

Mothers Union

St Mary's has an active branch of the Mothers' Union. However this is expected to close in 2019

Toad Lane Concerts

St Mary's is pleased to host the TOLPAC Toad Lane concerts. These have continued to bring many people into the Church, to enjoy excellent music and a tasty lunch. The concerts provide valuable income for the Church.

Governance

The PCC has a number of members with skills in financial and business management but poor representation in terms of gender.

St Mary's values working with the neighbouring Anglican Churches in the Deanery, especially St Chad's, Rochdale Parish Church. The United Benefice of St. Chad, St Mary in the Baum and St Edmund facilitates mission and collaboration.

The council meetings were generally well attended and produced some stimulating discussions. Thanks are due to all who gave their time to assist in the running of the church.

Reserves policy

There is no reserves policy currently in operation.

Plans for the future

In 2019 the PCC intends to continue to worship God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and serve our neighbour in parish ministry. We aim to continue to provide regular public worship, space for personal prayer and develop mission plans in consultation with the Diocese of Manchester. Above all, we shall support the mission of God in the parish.

This report and financial statements were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 18 March 2017

Reverend Mark Coleman

Wendy Cullen



Chair and Vicar



Treasurer

Date 18 March 2018



Ann Sutcliffe, ??, and Nicky Iginla from Caring and Sharing at St Mary's



Heritage Open Day saw an increased number of visitors

Liz McIvor and assistant at the first Co-operative Gig at St Mary's





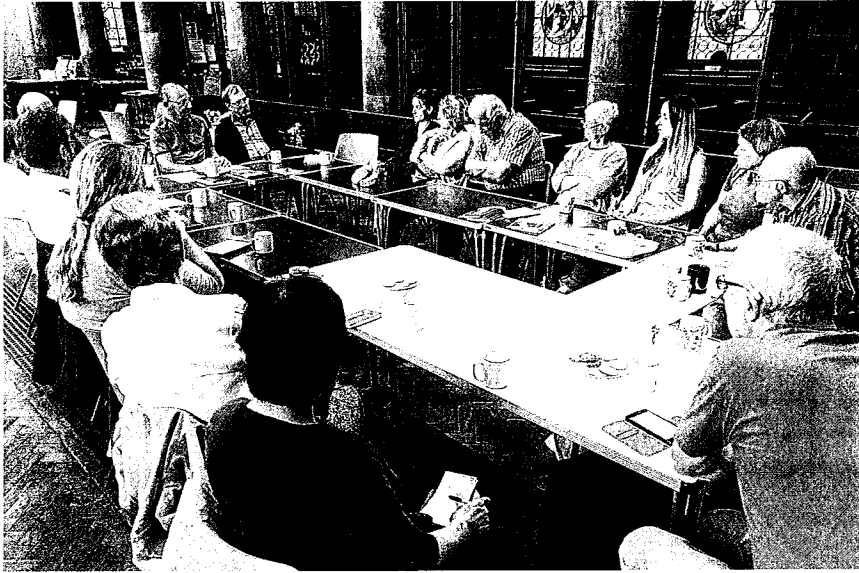
Ann Sutcliffe and other prize winners from Britain in Bloom



Street Pastors and security staff at the St Mary's co-operative gig in June 2018



Rochdale Field Naturalists hosted an event at St Mary's "Wild about Rochdale"



The first meeting of the Red Cross and local churches to discuss how we might provide housing for destitute asylum seekers.



Our vicar at the launch of the Rochdale Clergy and Imams group with the mayor and the Bishop of Middleton. Mark is the Borough Dean.



Holy Communion
Chatting after the mid week service,
After sharing in the Eucharist this simple gathering brings all ages together over a cup of tea

ST MARY IN THE BAUM, ROCHDALE

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

Well we have paid our Parish Share, £8,500, in full - although it had been reduced following a discussion with the Diocesan Finance Department last year.

Our giving was slightly down compared with last year (we failed to have a Gift Day). Donations were up - but this causes our use of the utilities (gas, electric and water) to increase. The P.C.C. need to discuss the level of Donations from Organisations who use the church. making them aware of the increase in the cost of the supply of the utilities.

The P.C.C. received a legacy of £5,000 from the estate of Irene Hattersley, who with her family has been a long and faithful member of St. Mary's Church. Without this the bank balance would be much lower.

We have not done very well with fund raising events, as organising events has been difficult due to congregation members getting older and their ability to help getting lower.

Although the bank balance at the end of the year looks healthy - we never know what is round the corner!

Thank you once again to all who have remained loyal, faithful and committed to contributing in any way to St. Mary in the Baum.

Signed.......... Church Treasurer

Date.....(7-3-19).....

ST MARYS in the BAUM
Annual Accounts @ 31.12.2018

	General Fund	2017 Total
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Planned giving-tax efficient	7304	7691
Planned giving - other	530	503
Cash collections	1687	1204
Gift day	0	799
Legacies (1)	5000	0
Donations	843	577
Charities	67	93
Income tax recovered	2507	2612
Fundraising	881	1262
Fees	882	417
Donations for church use	8750	7010
Cards/Crux	12	36
Insurance claim	616	0
Grants	501	409
Total Receipts	29580	22613
PAYMENTS		
Fundraising	545	756
Charities	117	143
Parish Share	8500	9826
Support costs	300	375
Clergy & Vicarage costs	2333	2903
Insurance	4517	4242
Repairs & Maintenance	3486	5192
Utilities	5004	4669
Fees	650	0
Services upkeep	498	0
Total Payments	25950	28106
Surplus/Deficit	3630	-5493
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Bank opening balance	5063	10556
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PCC Treasurer



Wendy Cullen

Independent Examiner



Martin Butterworth

11/03/2019

Independent Examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary in the Baum,
Rochdale.

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities
Act 2011.

Examination of the accounts is carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and follows all
applicable directions under section 145(5)(b).

NO material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me
cause to believe that in any respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act;
2. the accounts do not accord with those records;

I have no concerns and have not come across other matters to which attention should be drawn
in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed: 

Name: MARTIN BUTTERWORTH

7.3.2019

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