

St. Michael's Church, Baddiley.



Annual Report and Financial Statements Of the Parochial Church Council For the year ending 31st December 2019

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Chair's Report for the APCM of 2019

This past year I introduced a new focus to our PCC's:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks no matter what. 1 Thess 5. 16-18

It arose out of my ministering in our parishes and the thought and prayer that arises out of this ministry.

I felt in my heart that it was a good time to remember one of the most important gifts that God gives to each and every one of us – the ability to pray.

Prayer links us to the deeper reality of God's love. It opens our eyes to what God is doing in our communities. It is a bond between us as we support each other in prayer. It is all of these things and so much more.

My hope is that we will go deeper into prayer, discovering afresh our identity as people who pray and our churches as places of prayer. These are things we already know in part but there is much more to discover.

As our PCC's meet to serve and guide us they will hold in mind this call to pray and discovery of prayer. Our services, our social and fundraising activities, our care for our beautiful buildings can and should all be caught up in our prayers and to the end of telling other people about this wonderful gift.

I encourage everyone gathered here to pray for those who serve on our PCC's and in other capacities in our churches.

Lastly, a word of thanks and rejoicing from me personally to all who give their time, energy, creativity and resources to our church: the community, the building, the churchyard, the admin and our uplifting weekly services. It is much appreciated!

Rev Alison Fulford

General (Unrestricted) Fund - Prepared using the Receipts & Payments method

		2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
	<i>Voluntary receipts:</i>				
	Gift-aided planned giving	7,962.00		8,213.80	
	Other planned giving	0.00		0.00	
	Collections at services	2,287.96		2,045.53	
	Non-recurring donations	0.00		100.00	
	Income tax recovered (re prior year)	2566.48		2570.40	
	Legacies Received	0.00		0.00	
	Grants from trusts etc	<u>500.00</u>		<u>1000.00</u>	
			13,316.44		13,929.73
	<i>Receipts from activities for generating funds:</i>				
	Fund raising events	<u>2891.00</u>		<u>1440.50</u>	
			2,891.00		1,440.50
	<i>Receipts from Church activities:</i>				
	Church fees	1,219.00		1,302.00	
	Parish magazine sales	162.00		162.00	
			1,381.00		1,464.00
	<i>Receipts from investments:</i>				
	Dividends and interest	<u>33.23</u>		<u>14.33</u>	
			33.23		14.33
	Total receipts		<u>17,621.67</u>		<u>16,848.56</u>
Payments					
	<i>Church activities:</i>				
	Fundraising costs	665.30		29.00	
	Donations to charities	0.00		100.00	
	Diocesan parish share	9,071.52		10,220.10	
	Musical Costs	480.00		400.00	
	Clergy expenses	2,919.86		2,319.87	
	Mission & evangelism expenses	0.00		0.00	
	Church running expenses & maintenance	2,579.41		3,092.93	
	Church utility bills	619.92		448.59	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00		0.00	
	Major repairs to church	5,313.97		0.00	
	Major repairs to hall/Other PCC property	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
	Total payments		<u>21,649.98</u>		<u>16,610.49</u>
Excess of receipts over payments or (payments over receipts)			<u>-4,028.31</u>		<u>238.07</u>
Cash					
	At 1st January				
	Current account	-23.00		50.00	
	Reserve account	15297.71		14986.64	
	Building Reserve Account	<u>2000.00</u>		<u>2000.00</u>	
			17,274.71		17,036.64
	At 31st December				
	Current account	50.00		-23.00	
	Reserve account	11196.40		15297.71	
	Building Reserve Account	<u>2000.00</u>		<u>2000.00</u>	
			13,246.40		17,274.71
Improvement or (diminution) in cash reserves			<u>-4,028.31</u>		<u>238.07</u>

Fabric and Contents Report

In February the wardens, Mr Rob Vine and Mr John Burt carried out the necessary annual checks.

Building structure and headstones have been assessed for damage, deterioration and anything that may generate a health and safety hazard. At present nothing was found.

The inventory items have been checked, smart water marking of valuables have also been inspected, and all are accounted for.

A risk analysis was carried out and no additional risk was discovered.

Mr Rob Vine has been regularly photographing and monitoring the Tympanum and it is evident the script is deteriorating in places. The PCC were informed and are now aware, this will be under review.

Barlow's have carried out their electrical report for insurance purposes.

Work to repair the barge boards at the east elevation of the church roof was carried out. An excellent result was achieved by Emertons. The work has been approved by Graham Holland and the church is now secure for a few more years.

The gate posts have been replaced and the gate secured at the rear of the church. This was carried out by the church wardens.

Rob has successfully cleared the Bell Tower of sticks and wire netting installed within the louvres to prevent entry by birds.

The wardens will continue to give St Michaels their due attention and would like to thank those who have helped to keep our much-loved church in good condition, particularly the ladies on the cleaning and flower rota.

Mr Rob Vine and Mr John Burt

Fund Raising and Social Report

February saw the beginning of our social year, when we joined our friends in worship at Ravensmoor Chapel, followed by a meal at the Farmers Arms.

In June, we enjoyed another lovely evening singing some wonderful hymns at St Michael's, then supper and fund raising at the home of Rob and Maggie Vine. The number of visitors were down, as was the sum of money raised, however the reduced numbers did not have an adverse effect on the lovely atmosphere that we always enjoy at Baddiley Lodge. Many thanks for opening your home up to our local community once again.

In May we joined forces with Wrenbury enjoyed our first Pigeon Shoot! A very different method of raising money and enjoying companionship. The weather was kind and the event was very well attended, visitors to the shooting range were very generous in buying raffle tickets, and generally joining in the camaraderie. Over £1200 was raised.

Our coffee mornings started at the home of Dorothy Blackburn; she offered the marquee her granddaughter used for birthday celebrations for our first autumn gathering. Lots of visitors, and also friends of Dorothy, attended to make the occasion a huge success. The following months' coffee mornings were again a chance to chat and catch up.

We were able to purchase of new nativity set for our church with the monies raised from our small sales table, it was blessed and enjoyed at our Carols by Candlelight in December.

Many thanks to everyone who helped bake, make, sell, and generally support our social events.

Rose Burt – P.C.C. Secretary

P.C.C. Report

As a P.C.C. we are responsible for co-operating with the Benefice Incumbent in promoting the mission of the Church. We are also responsible for the maintenance of the church and its ground through regular Reports from the Churchwardens. We also have a duty and responsibility for co-operating and supporting the Benefice as a whole.

St. Michael's is a Grade I listed building which puts upon us added responsibility. The Ministry Team currently consists of Revd. Alison Fulford, Mrs. Elizabeth Falding, Mr. Ron High (Reader Emeritus), Dr. Roger Howarth, Mrs Debbie Rowlands (Licensed to this benefice October 2017) and Mrs. Cynthia Gorton (Reader Emeritus).

The normal pattern of Sunday Services is as follows: -

1st Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)

3rd Sunday 11.00am All Age Service

4th Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

The last Sunday in each month is a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion; this rotates around the three churches monthly.

We remain a Parish in the tradition of The Book of Common Prayer and we are a Corporate Member of the Prayer Book Society. Our only deviation is for our monthly All Age Service when we use a form of Service authorised by the House of Bishops. We also have non-standard services such as Songs of Praise, Remembrance Sunday Service and our ever-popular Candle-lit Carol Service.

We use Hymns Old and New (Anglican) as published by Kevin Mayhew.

For our monthly service of Morning Prayer, we have returned to using the King James Bible instead of Good News, which is used for our other services.

Members of the Parochial Church Council

The P.C.C. has held 4 full meetings during the last year. Our Churchwardens have continued to serve our church, supported by our small team of vergers. They open up the church and prepare for the planned services on a rota basis, this continues to work well.

Chairman/Priest in Charge:	Revd. Alison Fulford 4
Churchwardens:	Mr. R Vine 4 Mr. J Burt 4
Deanery Synod Representative:	Mr. R Vine
Elected Members:	Mrs Dorothy Blackburn 4 Mrs Rose Burt 4 Mrs. Helen Harper 3 Mrs. Maggie Vine 3 Mrs R High 3
Treasurer	Mr John Fuller 3
Ex Officio Member:	Mr Ron High 3

The P.C.C. appoints a Standing Committee of five members consisting of the Priest in Charge, the Churchwardens, and two others, Mrs Maggie Vine and Mrs Rose Burt. This committee carries out the routine work of the P.C.C. between each P.C.C. meeting.

Church Electoral Roll Report

Church Electoral Report as of 20th September, 2020

The average attendance has risen to 23

It stands at 46 members with 1 member lost and 1 additional member.

Resident in the parish: - 16 (34%)

Non-resident in the parish: - 30 (66%)

Ros High – Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod Report for St Michael's Church, Baddiley.

11th February 2019 – St Andrew's Church, Crewe.

The Revd. Lynne Cullens welcomed the assembly. She described her church as a "Reach out Mission" in all kinds of worship but especially with children. Services dedicated to them represented 20% of all worship.

Prayers were requested for the Wardens and congregation of St Michael's Church, Copenhall, who are now moving into interregnum following Revd. Charles' appointment at St. Paul's Church, North Thornaby as their new vicar.

St Barnabas Church, Crewe asked for prayers for their parish priest and those training for the Ordained Ministry, all Pastoral Workers and Readers.

Mr Tim Oakley gave a presentation on behalf of the West Street Christian Fellowship representing Christians Against Poverty. CAP is a national charity with its Head office in Bradford which helps people manage their way out of debt and, in addition, provides a mentoring service. They take, on average, 25 families a week out of debt and are looking to set up centres locally. Crewe has one of the highest levels of unsecured debt in the country with an average debt of £16,000. Tim asked questions of the Synod – are you and your church ready and able to help people who need to understand and control excessive expenditure? The Synod discussed this question and other related matters.

There being no further business Revd. Lynne led the Assembly in Evening Prayer.

21st May 2019 – St Mary's Church, Nantwich.

This meeting was hosted by St Mary's Church and featured a special service of celebration which had been planned by the current year students on the Diocese of Chester's Foundation for Ministry. Members of the group chose the hymns and readings, wrote the prayers and determined the order of the service.

Prayers were offered for all the parishes in the Deanery and ribbons were woven by all attendees into the shape of a cross. This cross will be taken to future Deanery Synod meetings as a reminder of our inter connection.

Musical accompaniment for the hymn singing was provided by three of the Foundation for Ministry students including our own organist Scott Austin.

27th November 2019 – St Mary & St Michael's Church, Burleydam.

The Revd. Alison Fulford welcomed the assembly and drew attention to the Community Room, kitchen and toilet facilities as being very beneficial features at the church. The Community Room in particular provides a useful focus point for a number of activities.

The representative of St. David's Church, Wettenhall talked about the growth of their congregation mainly due to families moving into nearby barn conversions and new build houses. They have established strong links with the local Guide and Brownie groups. Prayers were asked for their focus group that are putting forward proposals for larger kitchen facilities and a community space within the church.

Christ Church, Wheelock was welcomed as a new member of the Deanery. Prayers were requested as the church is endeavouring to grow its congregation and place within the community after a long period of interregnum.

At this point one of the attendees was taken ill. Revd. Alison Fulford and Mrs Sue Harding assisted in the evacuation of the casualty to Leighton Hospital by ambulance.

The Very Revd. Tim Stratford, the newly appointed Dean of Chester Cathedral, talked of the work that is being done at the cathedral to move towards it being a city centre mission. He described his anonymous visit to the cathedral before he accepted the position and his perception that the building was often closed to visitors during times of worship. His policy to keep the church open at all times has resulted in visitors joining the services and taking communion.

The main entrance will be kept open with an inner glass porch now being designed in order that those passing can look into the building. Within the church five "Stations" are being created to provide a spiritual journey to the altar.

The cathedral recently hosted "The Knife Angel", a figure constructed entirely of confiscated knives, which attracted half a million "hits" on their Facebook page in the first three days.

The Synod formed small groups and discussed how their own places of worship could move towards being "Missionary Churches". A number of examples were cited including "Tea at the Tower" at Acton which opens weekly and attracts hundreds of visitors each month.

Mr Peter Hart reported on matters debated at the recent General Synod meeting. Amongst which was the imposition by the Government of a maximum limit to bets that can be placed by on-line gamblers. This legislation was in response to recommendations made by The General Synod.

The meeting closed with a service of Compline lead by Revd. Alison Fulford.

Robert S. Vine
Deanery Synod Representative
St Michael's Church, Baddiley.

28th January 2020.

