

Christ Church, Padgate

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council



Year Ending 31 December 2019

Reference and Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Padgate is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.
Charity registration number: 1178871.

Christ Church is located on Station Road, Padgate, Warrington, in the Diocese of Liverpool.
Correspondence should be sent to the Secretary of the PCC at the following address:

39 Solway Close, Fearnhead, Warrington WA2 0UP.

For the period 1 January 2019 until the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

<i>Ex-officio members</i>			
Revd Neil Shaw	Team Rector	Chair	
Alan Clayton*	Reader	Vice Chair	
Laura Lawrence	Churchwarden		
David Magrath	Churchwarden		
Alan Kemp	Deanery Synod Representative		
David Perfect	Deanery Synod Representative, Warrington East Team Rep.	Electoral Roll Officer	
Susan Robinson	Deanery Synod Representative, Warrington East Team Rep.		
<i>Elected Members</i>			<i>Elected</i>
Louise Appleby			2019
Cath Baguley			2017
Barbara Binks			2019
Debbie Jacques		Treasurer	2019
Carol Halligan			2018
Christopher Lord			2019
Charles Ojechi			2018
Jill Perfect		Secretary	2019
Ruth Waterfield	Gift Aid Secretary		2018
Alex Wilkinson			2018
Albert Hartley		Methodist Representative	

*Alan Clayton was co-opted in January 2020 following his retirement as Reader

Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC. Sankey Street WARRINGTON, WA1 1XG

Auditor: Cadishead Accountancy Services Ltd, 657 Liverpool Road, Irlam, MANCHESTER, M44 5XD

Legal Advisor: Howard Dellar, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, LONDON, SW1P 3JT

Architect: Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, KNUTSFORD, WA16 6DL



Structure, Management and Governance

Christ Church PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

The PCC complies with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). The PCC has adopted The House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church: safeguarding policy'; and diocesan safeguarding policies and practice guidance.

The method of appointment of the 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 meets every two months and has three sub-committees: The Standing and Mission Committee, Finance Committee and Social Committee, which meet as required and report to the full PCC on a regular basis.

Membership comprises:- Standing and Mission committee: Team Rector, Reader, both Churchwardens, and PCC Secretary and Treasurer. Finance Committee: Team Rector, both Churchwardens, Treasurer plus one other member. Social Committee: One churchwarden, one other PCC member plus other non-PCC members.

The Safeguarding Officer and Safety Officer report to the PCC as required.

Three members of the Church (in addition to the Team Rector) are on the Board of Governors of Christ Church CE Primary School.

Christ Church is part of the East Warrington Team of Churches, which also includes the Church of the Resurrection, Cinnamon Brow, and the Church of the Ascension, Birchwood & Woolston. Revd Neil Shaw, of Christ Church, is Team Rector of the Warrington East Team. He was appointed Area Dean of Warrington in April and was installed as a Canon Diocesan at Liverpool Cathedral in November.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and specifically that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical."

When planning activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

At Christ Church we have adopted the following mission statement:-

*We, belonging to Christ's Church,
Come to find in our relationship with our God
The joy and peace that he gives us
Through his complete acceptance of us whatever our faults
And his willingness to walk with us whatever our circumstances
We go out in his forgiveness and his strength
With our heads held high and our hearts burning within us
To witness and reflect this his love
In our interactions with everyone that we meet.*



Our objectives for 2019 were to:-

- witness to and reflect God's love in our interactions with everyone that we meet.
- prioritise and rectify issues raised in the Quinquennial report.
- continue to look at and discuss development of building and facilities.
- continue to embed the Bishop's 'Rule of Life' into the ongoing life of the Church.
- develop new services, while reflecting on our current structure of weekly services.
- continue to engage with the ongoing mission of the gospel in relevant ways to our community, according to the Bishop's 'Rule of Life'.

In 2019 these objectives were progressed.

We focused on the Bishop of Liverpool's 'Rule of Life'; called to Pray, Read and Learn; Sent to Tell, Serve and Give, through a series of talks and Revd Neil Shaw led a 'Being Witness' course in January and February to help us talk about and share our faith.

As part of the Bishops' Mission in March 2019, we held a range of events and activities, as part of a wider range of Team, Deanery and Diocesan events, to share the message and love of God and invite others to join us on a journey of discipleship. Christ Church organised a Tea Dance, a Big Praise Party with Chip Kendall and a Songs of Praise Service with the Bishop of Wakefield Tony Robinson.

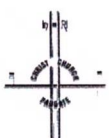
A new monthly all-age family friendly service called SPACE, was launched in June and is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm. SPACE stands for Songs, Prayers, Activities, Chat and Eat. This service was developed in response to a comment from the Archdeacon that churches that are growing tend to hold a weekly all-age family friendly service.

A range of services and activities were held by Warrington East Team in 2019, including a Retreat Day held at the Church of the Resurrection. Members of the Team went out to the local community with 'Ashes to Go' on Ash Wednesday. A Team Alpha Course was launched in September at a local café led by the Team clergy.

The report from the Quinquennial Review carried out by the Diocesan Architect was received in 2019 and some of the work and surveys listed in the 'immediate work category' were carried out during the year.

Further consultation took place with various heating companies for a partial replacement of the heating system and a Faculty will be submitted to the Diocese in 2020.

As part of the consideration of the facilities in Christ Church and how we may develop and improve them, a meeting was held with the Church Architect and draft plans produced which include extending the meeting room and kitchen, which will require the removal of two rows of pews, the installation of a second toilet, raising the floor level of the nave, shortening the altar dais and moving the cross and credence table.



Achievements and performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives

The following section highlights our main areas of activity and performance.

Electoral Roll

At the end of the year the Electoral Roll stood at 175 (110 resident and 65 non-resident in the parish). This is a decrease of 54 over 2018 following the preparation of a new electoral roll in 2019, which is required every six years. Such a decrease is to be expected for a new roll and reflects the fact that some of those on the former roll will have moved to other churches, ceased to attend any church, or left the area.

Worship

On Sundays there are two communion services. On the second Sunday of the month there is an all-age worship service called 'Active Church', followed by a shortened Communion Service. Our all-age SPACE service is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, in addition to the two communion services.

Average attendance at Sunday Services is 15 at early communion and 67 adults and 2 children at the mid-morning service. Average attendance for Active Church services are 83 adults and 37 children and for SPACE services, 28 adults and 20 children.

All Sunday talks by Revd Neil Shaw are now available to watch on YouTube.

A midweek communion service is held each Wednesday morning, with an average attendance of 12 adults.

Baptism services are held on the first and third Sunday of every month, with a total of 37 (43 in 2018) children being baptised during the year. A special service is held every year when dollies made for each child at their baptism are presented to them.

There were 4 weddings (8 in 2018) and 23 funerals (16 in 2018) during 2019.

Special services are held on many festivals and saints days. The Remembrance Service and December Christingle and Toy services attracted congregations of between 100 and 150 people. Easter Day services were attended by 160 people. Christmas services, especially the Christmas Eve crib service, were very popular, with 368 adults and children attending services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

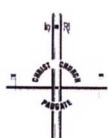
Church Organisations

There are monthly meetings of the **Mothers' Union** and the **Men's Society**, which provide talks, social events, trips and 'away days'.

The **Choir** meets weekly and sings at the 11.00 service on the first Sunday of the month and at festivals.

The **Fellowship Group** meets three times a month in people's homes. Meetings are structured around Bible or spiritual readings, general discussion and prayer.

Face2faith is a monthly meeting group for younger female members of the congregation to discuss and explore faith in informal settings.



Pastoral Care to the Community

Pastoral care and service to our community remain very important. Many members of the Church give of their time, expertise and finances to a wide range of voluntary, community and charitable activities.

There is a small team involved in delivering Communion to people in their own homes.

The **Coffee Shop** is open three mornings a week in the meeting room in church and provides an opportunity for refreshment and socialising, as well as allowing access to the Church for prayer and reflection.

The **Community Party** aimed at senior members of the local community, was held in November. Christmas dinner was served to 80 people by helpers from Christ Church and was followed by entertainment by The D'Ukes of Longbarn, the popular ukulele club from Longbarn.

Youth and Children's Work

Active Church services are held once a month aimed at children and families. These services are very popular and include craft activities related to the theme of the service. **SPACE** services are held once a month in the afternoon and include Songs, Prayers, Activities, Chat and Eat(ing).

Revd Neil Shaw leads school-based acts of worship at **Christ Church Primary School**. This comprises fortnightly assemblies, special festival celebrations in Church and delivering Confirmation preparation for all in Years 5 and 6.

A small team of volunteers delivers the **Open the Book** sessions at Christ Church Primary School. The volunteers, assisted by the children, usually tell two Bible stories every half term, to both KS1 and KS2.

The **Teddy Bears' Picnic** is an afternoon of games and fun for children and their carers. This year it was held in the Community Centre garden and was attended by 20 families.

Charity & Fund Raising

The **Social Committee** organised a range of events to raise funds, including a Last Night at the Proms Concert with the Wingates Brass Band and concerts by the Gemini Theatre Group and Warrington Musical Society, the annual Garden Party, and the Christmas Tree Extravaganza, as well as a beetle drive, coffee morning, coffee and cake tasting, wine and cheese evening and sea shanty evening. Christ Church is registered as a charity on Amazon Smile, so that every time purchases are made, a small amount is donated to the Church.

Coffee mornings were held for various charities throughout the year, including Macmillan Nurses, the Children's Society and Jotham Bate's trip on the Operation Mobilisation ship *Logos Hope*.

A **Fairtrade** stall selling Fairtrade food and fairly traded crafts is held after the 11.00 service once a month.

Members of the church also took part in the annual house to house collection during **Christian Aid week**.

The annual **Christingle Service** in December was attended by 156 adults and children. This service, a coffee morning and the house boxes held by members of the congregation, raised funds for the Children's Society.



The Mothers' Union again supported **Operation Christmas Child** and sent around 50 Christmas shoe boxes to the charity Samaritan's Purse.

We host a collection point for **Warrington Food Bank**, which members actively support.

Church Buildings and Grounds

Many members of the church give their time and expertise to care for and maintain the church building, its fixtures and fittings, its records and the churchyard.

The report on the Quinquennial Review was received at the start of the year. Upgrades and repairs to the electrics were carried out in order to meet satisfactory electrical compliance. A survey of the roof resulted in work replacing/fixing slates, clearing debris and re-pointing the ridge tiles. The gutters were cleared and the north vestry eaves gutter replaced.

The heating system caused numerous problems in 2018 and so it was agreed to carry out a partial replacement of the heating system, which will involve the replacement of the boilers and some of the radiators. Following consultation with three heating companies, a preferred option has been identified and a Faculty for the work will be submitted to the Diocese at the start of 2020.

The Churchyard is cared for by volunteers in the regular maintenance team and by the Friends of Christ Church Graveyard. Four clear up mornings were held in 2019 and the Friends Group was successful in obtaining grants to purchase tools and a noticeboard for the entrance to the woodland graveyard. The Group continues to be supported by ASDA and received a donation from United Utilities for the disruption caused by the water leak on the path along the northern boundary. A full report on the activities of the Friends during 2019 can be found in the Friends Annual Report and Accounts year ending December 2019.

Communications

Christ Church publishes a parish magazine, **the Grapevine**, 10 times per year, and a 'pew slip' newsletter every week, except during August. Grapevine has a circulation of **600** copies. As well as the regular distribution, it is also placed in shops, the library and community centre etc. Large print versions are available on request.

Christ Church has a website: www.ccpadgate.co.uk and is on Facebook: **Christ Church Padgate**; Twitter: **@PadgateChurch** and YouTube. The **Friends of Christ Church Graveyard** is also on Facebook.

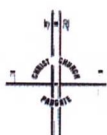
Financial Review

The PCC continued to review the costs of running the church, making decisions that show the church's commitment given to the Diocese in 2012 to paying all liabilities as they fall due including the Parish share.

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Report on Accounts for 2019

The attached accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 show a 3.67% increase in overall giving. Planned giving rose by 5.4%, together with the corresponding income tax recovered through Gift Aid making an overall increase of £3175 (up on 2018). There was also a slight increase in the



Sunday plate collections and other giving (£184 up on 2018).

The money received from Fees for weddings and funerals remained broadly the same as in 2018 (being £9038 in 2019 compared to £9018 in 2018).

During the year the Church has received £7979 (£9486 in 2018) from various fund raising events; we also received donations for specific expenditure amounting to £2350.

The overall costs of the church have increase by 5.3% on 2018 – most of this was due to the increase in the Parish share which increased by 5% to £73516 (£70015 in 2018).

During 2019 the Church had to pay £493 on electrical repairs identified in the 2018 electrical inspection to obtain the necessary electrical safety certificate, and £3650 on essential roof repairs as identified in the Quinquennial Review report.

The Church purchased a new PA system and lights for use mainly in the SPACE services totalling £2138, which was funded from specific donations. We also purchased a card reader and tablet for debit card and contactless giving.

The Cricket Club has released its remaining funds (£1204) for the use of children's activities (e.g. Teddy Bears' Picnic, Active Church and SPACE).

The balance in the Reserve Account at the year end 31/12/19 has decreased to £42127 (£48398 in 2018).

The Parish share for 2019 was fully paid in the year, but due to cash flow problems we were behind with our payments for several months. At the mid-year review it looked unlikely that we would be able to pay the Parish Share in full for the year, and this has in fact only been possible by using the Reserve Account.

Reserves Policy

During the year the PCC continued to apply the reserves policy agreed in 2015 to retain £5000 in the reserve account, but on registering as a charity this policy was reviewed and the PCC agreed that it would be prudent to increase the reserve amount retained to three months running costs amounting to £15000.

Performance of Investments

Investments are placed with the CCLA in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Plans for the future

In 2019 we intend to:

- witness to and reflect God's love in our interactions with everyone that we meet.
- prioritise and rectify issues raised in the Quinquennial report.
- continue to look at and discuss development of building and facilities.
- develop a cohesive, structured vision to develop our services, mission and ministry under the umbrella of the Diocesan Rule of Life.



Christ Church Padgate
Accounts for year ended 31st December 2019
General Fund

	2019	2019	2018	2018
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	49389		47116	
Collections & Other Giving	10080		9896	
Income Tax Recovered	12831	72300	11930	68942
Other Voluntary Income				
Fees	9038		9016	
Sundry Donations	150		250	
Donations for Charities	1632	10820	1595	10861
Events & Activities				
Social Functions	241		0	
Sale Goods & Books	234		250	
Magazine Donations/Adverts	2050	2526	2559	2809
Other Income				
Transfers from Reserve fund	17100		16000	
Area Dean Grant	1000		0	
		18100		16000
TOTAL RECEIPTS		103746		98611
Payments				
Grants				
Christian Relief & Develop. Agencies	3565		2909	
Home Mission & Church Societies				
Secular Charities		3565		2909
Support Costs				
Sunday School & Walking Day	2657		270	
Training Books/Notes/Videos	547		809	
Subscriptions to Other Bodies	690	3895	856	1935
Relating to the Work of the Church				
Parish Share	73516		70015	
Clergy Expenses	580		746	
Vicarage				
Rates/Water	3152		3236	
Upkeep of Services	1168		1566	
Organist/Cleaner/Verger	5234		5334	
Building & Maintenance	793		802	
Light/Heat/Water	3158		3626	
Sundry Expenses	2117		1485	
Rydal Hall/Whalley weekend		89717		86809
Administration				
Printing & Stationery	3129		3491	
Insurance	3515		3425	
		6644		6916
TOTAL PAYMENTS		103821		98569
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year		-75		42
Bank Account as at 1st January		113		71
Bank account as at 31st December		38		113



**Christ Church Padgate
Reserve Fund**

Receipts	2019	2019	2018	2018
Teddy Bears Picnic (Playtimers)	65		213	
Donations	8146		5119	
Legacies	0		8555	
Central Board of Finance Interest	205		136	
Pantomime Group	0		3489	
Beetle Drive	456		450	
Playtimers	0		310	
Gemini Musicals Evening	442			
Garden Party	1851		1950	
Last Night of Proms	1250		1304	
Shanty Night	563			
Christmas tree extravaganza	1888		1337	
Heritage Day			434	
WMS Messiah Concert	254			
Face 2 Faith Cheese & Wine	380			
Binks Cake & Coffee evening	313			
Coffee Morning	517			
	<hr/>	16330	<hr/>	23297
Payments				
Repairs & Renewals	5504		4012	
Transfer to Choir Fund	0		124	
Transfer to General Fund	17100		16000	
	<hr/>	22604	<hr/>	20136
Surplus		-6274		3160
Balance at 1st January		48398		45238
Balance at 31st December		42124		48398



Burial Ground Fund Designated Funds

	2019	2018
Receipts		
Memorials and tablets		
Burials	1115	2981
Grants	0	0
Insurance Claim	<u>862</u>	<u>0</u>
	1977	2981
Payments		
Burial Ground Expenses	1079	5415
Church Drive	<u>0</u>	<u>11737</u>
	1079	17152
Surplus/Deficit for year	898	-14171
Bank Deposit Account as at 1st January	5746	19917
Bank Deposit Account as at 31st December	6644	5746

Church Day School Trust Account Restricted Funds

Receipts		
Bank interest	0	0
Payments	0	0
Suplus for year	0	0
Bank Deposit account as at 1st January	92	92
Bank Deposit account as at 31st December	92	92

Church Choir Fund Designated Funds

Receipts		
General Donations	0	0
from Reserve	<u>0</u>	<u>124</u>
	0	124
Payments	<u>0</u>	<u>199</u>
Surplus for year	0	-75
Balance at 1st January	0	75
Balance as at 31st December	0	0



Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2019

Monetary Assets	General	School	Burial Ground	Fabric Fund	Choir Fund	Restricted Funds	Cricket Club	Coffee Shop	Total
Barclays Bank C/A	38		2710	33268	0				36016
Barclays Bank D/A		92							92
CBF Deposit Fund			3934	8856		15000			27791
RBS Bank Account							0		0
HSBC Cash								3366	3366
									0
Total	38	92	6645	42124	0	15000	0	3366	67265

Parish Share Account

Outstanding Balances b/fwd	0	
Share for 2019	73516	
Paid in year		73516
Balance c/fwd		0
	73516	73516



Independent Examiner's Report (SORP 2015)

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Padgate on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019, as set out on pages 1 to 5 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I 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.

Date: 28/2/20

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