

# Annual Report and Yearbook 2019



**Parish of  
Holcombe &  
Hawkshaw**

**What's been  
happening in the  
Parish ?**

*Loving God, loving neighbours; sharing Jesus with you.*

This year the Yearbook and the Annual Report, will be formally presented at the

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

at the  
St. Mary,  
Hawkshaw,  
Bury  
BL8 4JN  
7.45pm for 8.00pm.

**12<sup>th</sup> October**

The Meeting will also be available via Zoom

Email: [info@holcombehawkshaw.org](mailto:info@holcombehawkshaw.org) for link.

### Vision Statement

#### “In our Parish:

- We will welcome others and serve the community through our love and care.
- We want to provide inspirational worship in various styles to meet the needs of all.
- Our teaching, based on the authority of the Bible, aims to connect faith to daily life, sustaining, encouraging and challenging everyone.
- We aim to have welcoming and warm buildings that enable us to worship, glorify God and aid mission.
- We seek to reach out through God's love of all people, sharing the joy and wonder of the faith we have in our daily life with Jesus and growing his worldwide church in faith, hope and love.

The Parochial Church Council  
Updated: 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2014

This booklet gives information about the activities of the various Parish Organisations and the Parish Annual Report.

Once again it is the product of teamwork by many people. Sincere thanks go to contributors who responded so promptly and made this Report possible.

We hope you will find the contents both interesting and informative.

Any errors are the responsibility of contributors/editor.



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**Parish of Holcombe & Hawkshaw**  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting Minutes**  
Held at Emmanuel Church Centre  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Present:**

One Clerk in Holy Office (Rev. Paul Sumsion)  
and the following lay members of the parish :-  
J. Horrocks, E. Houghton, C. Holt, N. Holt, S. Partridge, H. Ainscough,  
A. Milius, C. Gaskell, H. Gaskell, J. Burton, P. Hanley, J. Venn, M. Burton,  
C. Baggoley, S. Newhouse, M. Warburton, S. Byrom, R. Byrom, M. Lomax,  
P. Clare, G. Clare, G. Lomax, M. Lomax, G. Settle, E. Shortt, A. Goldsmith,  
S. Wilkinson, J. Sumsion, R. Sumsion, P. Lainton, J. Houghton, R. Carr, M. Carr,  
L. Jackson, R. Houghton, B. Atkin and D. Lomax.

**PART A: Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)**

**1. Opening Prayer:** the collect for the second Sunday of Easter led by  
Rev. Paul Sumsion.

**2. Chairman's Remarks:** by Rev. Paul Sumsion

The proceedings were outlined. They consist of two parts, part A the Vestry Meeting to elect Church Wardens, where attendees do not have to be on parish electoral roll, but have to be on the council electoral roll, and part B is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where attendees are only eligible to vote if on the parish electoral roll.

**3. Election of two Church Wardens** (one from each former parish).

The nominations for Church wardens were Michael Booth duly proposed and seconded and at the meeting it was proposed that Stephen Newhouse be elected, there were no other nominations, all agreed.

**PART B: A.P.C.M.**

**4. Apologies for Absence** were received from:

A. Percy, B. Newhouse, D. Lockett, K. Fry, Rev.V. Fletcher, J. Fletcher, L. Webber, T. Webber, J. Oliver, G. Metcalfe, D. Yardley, M. Booth, G. Booth, Rev. R. Airey, R. Simpson and G. Barnes.

**5. Minutes of last year's vestry meeting and A.P.C.M.,** were received and acceptance proposed by Stephen Newhouse, seconded by Sue Byrom and approved unanimously.

**6. Presentation of the revised church electoral roll** by Sheila Partridge: Total of 179.

**7. Presentation of Annual Reports and Accounts for Holcombe and Hawkshaw 2018**  
Acceptance proposed by Neville Holt, seconded by Pat Lainton, unanimously agreed.

**8. Election of Church Officers**

All proposed and seconded by members of the congregation.

**A. Deputy Church Wardens for St. Mary's Hawkshaw:**

Richard Byrom and Ray Houghton - elected unopposed.

**Deputy Church Wardens for Emmanuel Church Centre:**

Alan Goldsmith and Gwen Barnes - elected unopposed.

**Deputy Church Wardens for Emmanuel Holcombe:**

Colin Gaskell and Mike Burton - elected unopposed.

**B. Parochial representatives of the laity to the Deanery Synod:**

Current members are:

from Holcombe and Emmanuel Church Centre:

Claire Baggoley, Mike Burton and Stephen Newhouse.

from Hawkshaw: Jean Houghton and Geraldine Booth.

Their three year term will finish in 2020.

There were no casual vacancies, so no elections required.

**C. Representatives of the laity to the P.C.C.**

**From Holcombe and Emmanuel Church Centre:**

Heather Ainscough, Gwen Barnes, Jenny Burton, Linda Jackson, David Lomax and Jo Venn.

**From St. Mary, Hawkshaw:**

Richard Byrom, Jane Fletcher, Penny Hanley, Ethel Houghton, Eric Shortt, Ruth Sumsion and Stuart Wilkinson.

All duly elected to P.C.C.

**D. Sidespeople for Emmanuel Church Centre, Emmanuel, Holcombe and St. Mary's Hawkshaw**

**Emmanuel Church Centre:**

Heather Ainscough, Barbara Atkin, Gwen Barnes, Geoff. Clare, Pauline Clare, Linda Jackson, Judith Knowles, Frank Knowles, Glenis Lomax, Martin Lomax, Alex Percy, Romey Simpson and Jo Venn.

**Emmanuel, Holcombe:**

Alan Birtwistle, Jennifer Burton, Margaret Carr, Janice Chisholm, Wendy Fell, Vera Green, Pat Lainton, Barbara Newhouse, Stephen Newhouse, Sylvia Nicholson, Susan Nuttall and Judith Oliver.

**St. Mary's Hawkshaw:**

Robert Critchley, Jenny Hardcastle, Peter Hardcastle, Judith Horrocks, Jean Houghton, Ray Houghton, Anne Johnson, Sheila Lofthouse, Ross Manning, Eric Shortt, Edward Slattery, Yvonne Taylor and Dot Yardley.

Agreed unanimously.

**9. Appointment of an Independent Examiner**

Mark Gilbert

Proposed David Lomax seconded Jenny Burton.

Agreed unanimously.

Thanks were extended to Mark for his work.

**10. Rectors Report**

The full report to be found on page 19 of Yearbook.

Paul thanked Mike Burton and Ross Manning for their work as warden and deputy warden and Yvonne Taylor, Jayne Greenhalgh, Pauline Howker and Pat Lainton who are standing down from the P.C.C.

- #doyouknowHim? the relay baton has been passed on from Claire Nicholls and the work goes on, reaching a metaphorical comma rather than a full stop.
- Precise dates for visit from the Capernwray Team are being finalised.
- The Spring Dance Company are coming on Palm Sunday.
- The Scratch Messiah to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the organ at Emmanuel Church is on 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- The development work within the parish looking at our buildings to make them more welcoming is moving on.
- The Parish share negotiations will commence soon.
- It is hoped that we will be able to apply for a curate for 2020.
- No new hosts for the PAIS workers have come forward; in the absence of any change to this there will be no new PAIS workers in September. There is a possibility that other churches in the area may be able to assist. If there are no PAIS workers from September then more energy will need to be put into youth work and school assemblies from the congregation and ministry team.

**11. Matters of general parochial interest**

- The treasurer David Lomax is confident that we will meet our agreed parish share of £45,000 this year. A stipendiary minister's stipend is £45,000 and our formula-assessed parish share is approximately £60,000. This means the parish is not currently making any contribution to Church House staff etc.
- We applied for a grant to improve the toilets at Emmanuel Church Centre, but this was unsuccessful, and we cannot re-apply for another 12 months. Other sources of funding are being looked at.
- A letter has been received from the Diocese requiring more details about the proposed work at Holcombe. Vic. Fletcher is looking at this.
- Thanks were extended to Paul for his work on the #doyouknowHim? Campaign.

**12. Notices and thanks from the Chair**

Paul Sumsion thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and to those who had sent apologies.

A. Archdeacons visitation, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at St Johns with St Marks Church at 7.30pm.

B. Next P.C.C. is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm. (drinks) for 7.30pm. at E.C.C.

**13. Closing Prayer and Blessing**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm with closing prayers and blessing led by Rev. Paul Sumsion.

## The Parish of Holcombe and Hawkshaw

Emmanuel Church, Holcombe.

and

Emmanuel Church Centre,

Longsight Road,

Holcombe Brook.

and

St. Mary, Hawkshaw.

In the Deanery of Bury, the Diocese of Manchester.

### Annual Report

and

### Financial Statements

of the

### Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

#### Rector:

The Rev'd. Paul H. Sumsion,  
The Vicarage,  
Bolton Road,  
Hawkshaw,  
Bury.  
BL8 4JN.

**Bank:** Royal Bank of Scotland

**Insurers:** Ecclesiastical Insurance.

**Honorary Treasurer:** David Lomax.

**Gift Aid Coordinator:** Judith Horrocks.

**Independent Examiner:** Mark Gilbert.

# Annual Report for 2019

#### Statement:

The P.C.C. of the Parish of Holcombe and Hawkshaw has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev'd. Paul Sumsion, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibility for St. Mary, Hawkshaw, Emmanuel Church, Holcombe and Emmanuel Church Centre and Canon Lewis Hall, Longsight Road, Holcombe Brook.

#### Membership of the P.C.C.:

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the P.C.C.:

**Incumbent:** The Rev'd. Paul Sumsion, *Chairman & Rector.*

**Associate Ministers:** The Rev'd. Robert. W. Airey.  
The Rev'd Vic. Fletcher.

#### Ex Officio Members:

**Wardens:** Mr. Michael Booth, *from May 2017, (also Reader).*  
Mr. Stephen Newhouse, *from May 2019, (Lay Vice-Chairman of P.C.C.).*  
Mr. Michael Burton *from May 2017 to May 2019.*

#### Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

*From Emmanuel and Emmanuel Church Centre:*

Claire Baggoley, Michael Burton and Stephen Newhouse.

*From St. Mary's, Hawkshaw:* Geraldine Booth and Jean Houghton.

#### Elected Members:

Fourteen members are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, (seven from the congregations of Emmanuel, Holcombe or Emmanuel Church Centre and seven from the congregation of Hawkshaw, St. Mary).

Those elected were:

*from St. Mary's Hawkshaw:*

Richard Byrom, Jane Fletcher, Penny Hanley *from May 2019*, Jayne Greenhaulgh *to May 2019*, Ethel Houghton, Eric Shortt, Ruth Sumsion *from May 2019*, Yvonne Taylor *to May 2019* and Stuart Wilkinson *from May 2019*.

*from Emmanuel, Holcombe and Emmanuel Church Centre were:*

Heather Ainscough, Gwen Barnes, Jennifer Burton, Pauline Howker *to May 2019*, Linda Jackson, David Lomax *from May 2019*, Pat Lainton *to May 2019* and Jo Venn, (with one vacancy).

*Readers and Deputy Wardens are not ex officio members of the P.C.C., but are able to stand for election at the A.P.C.M.*

#### Readers:

Mr. Michael Booth, *(also Warden)*.  
 Mr. Michael Burton, *(elected to Deanery Synod)*.  
 Mr. Richard Byrom, *(also elected to the P.C.C.)*.  
 Mrs. Ethel Houghton, *(also elected to the P.C.C.)*.  
 Mrs. Jane Fletcher, *(also elected to the P.C.C.)*.

#### Deputy Church Wardens

Emmanuel Church Holcombe: Michael Burton *from May 2019*,  
 Stephen Newhouse *to May 2019* and Colin Gaskell.  
 Emmanuel Church Centre:  
 Gwen Barnes, Alan Goldsmith.  
 St. Mary's Hawkshaw: Richard Byrom *from May 2018*,  
 Ray Houghton *from May 2019* and Ross Manning *to May 2019*.

## Structure:

### (1) Standing Committee/Leadership Teams:

We are required by law, not only to have a Parochial Church Council, duly elected to represent our parishioners, but also a Standing Committee, which can attend to urgent parish business between P.C.C. meetings, if necessary.

In between P.C.C. meetings the Parish Leadership Team, (of which the Standing committee is part), Emmanuel, Holcombe Leadership Team, Emmanuel Church Centre Leadership Team and St. Mary, Hawkshaw Leadership Team meet.  
 Each Leadership Team organises working groups within their own church.

#### The Parish Leadership Team:

*Rev. P. Sumsion, Rev. R. Airey, Barbara Atkin, Michael Booth, Michael Burton,  
 Rev. Vic. Fletcher, Ethel Houghton, David Lomax, Stephen Newhouse and Jo Venn.*

## Emanuel Church, Holcombe Team Report 2019

The Emmanuel, Holcombe Team has formally met seven times in the past year and on numerous less formal occasions to discuss a variety of issues.

- The full Quinquennial Report was received in February and details work which should be carried out over the next five years. Much of the work can be achieved by volunteers, but some will require professional help.
- Some damaged guttering has been replaced and loose slates secured or replaced.
- Health and Safety: We have considered Health and Safety, (in particular reported accidents), at every committee meeting. Further work has been done on the Fire Risk Assessment.
- Work to the Garden of Remembrance was completed. The area was levelled and tidied. Stone chippings were laid. This has been much appreciated by those attending the plot. In addition the area around the Dowsett grave (north side) was tidied and stones laid.
- The Refurbishment to the Organ was completed early in the year. The whole cost being covered by donations and Gift Aid recovered.
- In July, the Messiah was performed jointly with Bury Choral Society. 72 people took part with 40 attending the performance late in the afternoon. We were most grateful to Bury Choral Society who waived their share of the money raised. £217 was added to church funds.
- Josephine Greenhalgh retired as cleaner. Our thanks go to Josephine for a long period of service. Fortunately Tony Bliss was willing to replace her and started in mid-July, the arrangement is working well.
- We further developed our buildings plan:

to improve the Toilet facilities, (provision of disabled access), the development of the Kitchen and Children's Areas, Destratification fans in the Nave roof to improve heating, the provision of a retractable screen to further improve audio/visual presentations. In August we were visited by representatives of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, who were very supportive of our extensive plans, but made several suggestions. As a result Equilibrium Architects are producing updated plans. (Budget prices total £48000 - there is approximately £27000 in the fund).

- We, along with the School, recognised a need to strengthen School links. As a first step a small group of children will take part in the February 2020 Parade Service, presenting a "Puppet" show of the day's reading. In May 2020 the School will again be taking part in an 11am Service. This is in addition to the Annual Sermons Service.
- Discussions are to take place with Uniformed Groups to find ways of making the Parade service more relevant to youth.
- In an attempt to make the service more accessible to a younger congregation it was decided in November to replace the 11am Holy Communion 1662 service on the second Sunday, with Common Worship. The 8am Holy Communion on the first Sunday was unaffected and it was planned that, where appropriate, 1662 Communion could take place at 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Services.
- At the Carol Service the Choir were augmented by the addition of seven children.

Our thanks go to the numerous people who offer their time, skills, advice and support to all the work at Emmanuel, Holcombe, we are extremely grateful.

*Stephen Newhouse*

#### Membership:

*Rev. Paul Sumsion, Rev. Robert Airey, Claire Baggoley, Jennifer Burton, Michael Burton, Colin Gaskell, and Stephen Newhouse.*

## Emanuel Church Centre Team Report 2019

It has been another busy year at the Centre with lots of activities and involvement of the Community as well as our regular groups that meet here weekly, fortnightly or monthly. The team have worked hard with monthly working parties both inside and out to ensure that the building is well maintained and in good order. This year as well as decorating the Church, corridor and kitchen we have also had a Fire Risk Assessment and Inspection and have been carrying out the recommendations from the report. This has included fire retarding all the curtains, sealing the doors, ensuring all fire safety equipment is monitored regularly, changing the alarm and emergency lighting, the latter of which is ongoing as we have to find over £5000 to complete this.

The active team meet on a monthly basis and work at the hall in between. Alex kindly types up and distributes our agendas and minutes and we have been delighted that Stephen has joined us for a few of our meeting and been involved with John and Alan when meeting with people concerned with the Fire Risk Inspection.

Our meetings do not just revolve around housekeeping but include our prayer link with Emmanuel Holcomb School, feedback on services and social events and so much more. If you want to have anything discussed just mention it to Jo or one of the team.

*Jo Venn*

### Membership:

*Rev. Paul Sumsion, Gwen Barnes,  
Geoff Clare, Alan Goldsmith, Ann Milius,  
John Partridge, Alex Percy, Romey  
Simpson and Jo Venn,*

## St. Mary, Hawkshaw Team Report 2019

***No Report Received***

## Fabric Report 2019

The general condition of all three buildings is satisfactory: where there are defects and problems they are being noted and remedied.

### Emmanuel Church, Holcombe

The plans for work within the building have developed this year. Following a visit from representatives of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, we have re-thought several of our plans. We are now looking to: refurbish the kitchen; provide a Children and Family Area; upgrading the toilets; installation of Destratification fans to improve the heating system and the setting up of a projection screen at the chancel arch with additions to the audio system. Detailed plans have been drawn up.

Externally, the alterations to the Garden of Remembrance and the area around the Dowsett grave to the North of the Church have been completed.

### Emmanuel Church Centre

The building and surrounding gardens are in a generally good state of repair, due in no small part to the dedicated work of volunteers.

Working parties have met several times to repaint the interior of the building. Their efforts have been much appreciated by all who use the building.

The Reflective Garden is much appreciated by our congregation and the wider community. Monthly working Parties continue to tidy, plant, cut grass and develop the area. Our thanks go to the members of the Hall Things Bright and Beautiful team and the many other people who offer plants, materials and practical help.

Following a Fire Inspection and subsequent Risk Assessment quite a number of items were raised needing our attention. The remedial work identified has already started, (with thanks to volunteers who have undertaken some of this work). Unfortunately, much of the work will require professional involvement with the associated cost.

### St Mary's, Hawkshaw

The church building is structurally sound with no obvious major defects, although general maintenance still needs constant attention. Health and Safety matters have been addressed and put in place during the year. Work has been undertaken with the erection of a new noticeboard and external painting.

One major job we need to consider in the future is the pointing of the boundary wall. Plans are being discussed for the refurbishment of the kitchen and the upgrading of the toilets.

### General Comments

We thank everyone who works quietly behind the scenes – cleaning, washing the linen, cleaning the brass and silver, flower arranging or providing refreshments, sound and PA technicians, Deputy Wardens and last, but not least, the sidemen and women who play such an important role in welcoming people to our services.

The practical help and financial assistance of many people continues to play a major part in the care of the buildings, and our grateful thanks go to everyone who has contributed in any way.

Michael Booth,  
Stephen Newhouse.  
*Churchwardens  
March 2020*

# P.C.C. Review of the Year 2019

During 2019 the P.C.C met six times with an average of 14 members attending.

The P.C.C. is responsible for the election of officers, ensuring the parish meets its financial commitments to the Diocese, sanctioning spending, carrying out administration and initiating new projects and procedures. However the day-to-day roles and responsibilities in the parish are performed by the many dedicated teams of workers. The P.C.C. endeavours to keep general oversight of these various groups and activities, giving approval and support where required. Team reports are also regularly received from each worship centre, as is the Treasurer's report.

The matters addressed during 2019 included:

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:** During the year the Treasurer provided up-dates on the financial position of the parish. Fees for marriages and funerals were agreed, as were annual pay increases in line with inflation for our two salaried employees. The P.C.C. was pleased to learn that the 2018 parish share had been paid in full. The parish share for 2019 was £45,000. We were also advised that free-will giving had increased, but due to local bank closures we should encourage people to move to direct giving through their banks. At Hawkshaw it was proposed that the collection plate be situated at the entrance to church rather than passed round during the service.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH:** We took part in the Churches Together in Ramsbottom *#doyouknowHim* campaign which was launched at St. Paul's in January. Churches Together hosted a team of students from Capernwray Bible College and we played our part in facilitating that outreach.

The TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) initiative aims to provide lunches in the school holidays for children normally receiving free school meals, and it was agreed that the parish would explore the possibility of getting involved in this project.

Other ventures included The Springs Dance Co performing "Bread of Life" at Hawkshaw on Palm Sunday; musical encouragement given to those cycling in the Iron Man race; carol singing at various locations at Christmas. Also we enjoyed a Psalms weekend in September led by Rev. Dr. Simon Stocks which proved very enlightening.

Future projects for 2020 were discussed including the parish hosting its own team of four Capernwray students, an Experience Easter campaign, and the feasibility of setting up a Film Club followed by discussion at E.C.C.

**SOCIAL EVENTS:** Various fundraising and social events took place during the year. These included several items of an evangelistic nature such as the *#doyouknowHim* "Messiah from Scratch" performance, plus various other concerts, Autumn Fair, Capernwray games evening, quiz nights, garden party, bonfire and involvement in Hawkshaw gala. Ladies' evenings and Blokes' nights were also organised during the year.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY/ BUILDINGS:** It was decided that the new Health and Safety Policy should specify P.C.C. responsibility rather than named individuals. Other items addressed included the refurbishment of the organ and installation of a new screen at Holcombe, a plan for a new kitchen and toilets at Hawkshaw, fire safety audits, emergency lighting and alarm system at E.C.C.

**SAFEGUARDING:** It was agreed that we would continue to follow best practice using the most recent diocesan policy and Robert Airey was appointed Advocate of Vulnerable Adults and Children. Training was arranged during October for youth leaders.

**YOUTH WORK:** A parish Youth Weekend Away was organised during March and 21 young people attended. Unfortunately it was thought that we would not be able to have another Pais worker for the year 2019/20 as hosts could not be found. Therefore extra volunteers would be needed to help with Cellar.

**SCHOOLS:** The P.C.C. reappointed Robert Airey for a further four years as governor at Holcombe School. Ideas were also sought for ways in which the church could contribute to the 150th Anniversary celebrations of St. Mary's School in 2020. The P.C.C. also offered its congratulations to St. Mary's School who received an excellent SAMS report.

**CURACY:** We were pleased to learn that Vic Fletcher completed his curacy in the summer and he was re-licensed in July. We also received the good news that the parish would be getting a new full-

time curate in 2020. Ian Fleming, and his wife Layna, will be joining us following his ordination in July. It is expected they will live at the property in Fernview Drive.

**PATRONAGE:** Following the death of Fred Whowell we were informed by the Whowell family that they wished to relinquish their patronage of St Mary's Church. The P.C.C. discussed the possibility of passing the patronage to CPAS and a motion was unanimously agreed that CPAS should share the right of patronage with the Rector of Bury, current patron of Holcombe church. This process is still ongoing.

**SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION:** A survey during the year looking at preferred methods of communication revealed that Facebook was most popular, and that platform is already up and running in the parish. Further discussion was planned and it was agreed by the P.C.C. that we would sign up to the Digital Charter – C of E Church for a Digital World.

**SERVICE PATTERNS:** The P.C.C. was advised of the change to the service pattern at Holcombe. The 1662 Communion Service at 11.00am on the second Sunday of the month was discontinued.

**GRAVE SPACE:** During the year requests for reservations of grave space at Hawkshaw were received and approved. A faculty was also sought in respect of memorial stones at Holcombe.

Penny Hanley,  
Secretary

**As so much has  
happened  
(in 2020)the Rector  
will give a verbal  
report at the  
Annual Parochial  
Church Meeting  
on 12<sup>th</sup> October.**

# The Diocese of Manchester, the Deanery of Bury Synod Report 2019

The meetings of Synod gives representatives valuable opportunities to meet and discuss matters with members of other parishes across the deanery. Each parish is entitled to representation according to their size. Our Electoral Roll entitled us to five member, (from 2020 this will drop to four).

The Deanery Synod did not meet as often this year.

**In February** we met at Bury Church of England High School, where we heard from staff and pupils about the wonderful work being done at the School and why parents should choose BCEHS for a child who is a Christian. The School is always pleased to receive visits and is looking for support from the Deanery Synod.

Much of the rest of the year was devoted to: 1) Mission Action Planning (MAP) for the Deanery and 2) Fit for Mission - the planned re-organisation of deaneries in the Diocese.

## 1) Mission Action Planning, (MAP)

In much the same way as Parishes had been asked to submit their own MAP's, the Deanery MAP was submitted in March.

Paul had headed up a small group to work on the MAP. The aim had been to find areas for working together, exploring links and relationships between parishes and to learn from and support each other effectively.

The "Diocesan Vision" is for the Diocese of Manchester to be *a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community.*

### Diocesan Priorities are:

Delivering Church, Addressing social injustice, Nurturing people, Spreading spirituality and Transforming communities.

Starting from the Diocesan vision, the following deanery priorities were identified by the MAP Working Group alongside those of the individual Parishes:

- **Mission & Ministry to Children/ Young People/Schools.**
- **Mission & Ministry to deprivation areas in the Deanery – e.g. 'Dicky Bird' estate, Bury.**
- **Working together across larger church/parish groupings, including ecumenical partners.**
- **Developing engaged discipleship.**

This would give a working vision statement of:

*Bringing the Good News of Jesus into every part of our Deanery by encouraging engaged discipleship across our churches, fostering collaboration in mission both between parishes and with ecumenical partners, and sharing resources and support for growing faith in children and young people, and areas of highest*

*deprivation and least church engagement.*

## What's already happening?

- Ministry to Bury Church High School, *Open the Book* ministry in schools, Messy Church, The Church in Ramsbottom – #doyouknowHim and *Shared* Lent courses – 2018 & 2019.

## Areas to grow in: (with a few ideas to consider further)

### Parish groupings:

Some ministry, some mission, some learning and some praying together. Working with ecumenical partners. Fluid boundaries, non-exclusive – still working with other people in a non-competitive, collaborative way. (Parish Mission Collaborations).

### Children, Young people and families:

Family celebration day. Both primary & secondary school involvement. Supporting pupils' faith through educational transitions. (e.g. Bolton project). Youth celebration events. Secondary schools/College projects around social justice/mental health. Secondary schools/College chaplaincy worker?

### Deepening and broadening faith:

Encouraging spiritual growth through: Study/ home/prayer groups, Developing a 'rule of life' (e.g. If I am a church member I do this: \_\_\_\_ ), Lent projects. A #doyouknowHim? in Bury for 2020?

### Organisational change:

Deanery Audit – Resources, buildings; clergy and lay ministers. facilitated DMPC days on talking about deployment & buildings; Sharing resources;

Employing an administrator – releasing clergy and lay to their vocations; Resourced post for the Dicky Bird estate – pioneer minister?

## 2) Fit for Mission

The deaneries have been consulted on proposed changes to the setup of the deaneries and at a meeting in September the proposals were outlined.

Bishop David says in a briefing paper:

*"In summary, we want to move to a place where we have fewer deaneries - potentially only seven. Larger deaneries will strengthen mutual support, and crucially will allow each to have an Area Dean whose full time ministry is a combination of the normal duties of that role - but across a larger number of parishes - and hands on support for those parishes in vacancy or undergoing significant change".*

*"No longer will Area Deans have to fit their duties on top of being full time vicar in their own parish. At a time when we are anticipating many new, younger clergy completing training and beginning parish ministry, we will have stronger support structures to equip and sustain them. Lay chairs will be able to work in small informal teams within a deanery, so that responsibilities are shared."*

The proposed changes are:

- A consolidation of the current 20 deaneries into seven deaneries (see map below).

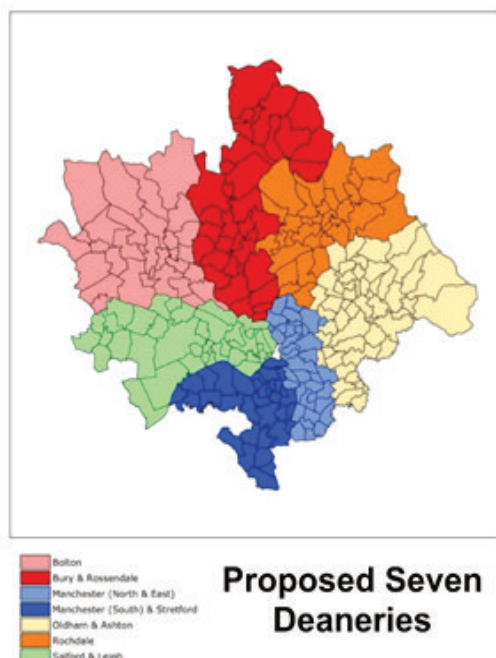
- The Bury, Rossendale and Radcliffe and Prestwich deaneries would form ONE deanery.
- A move towards a new full-time Area Dean role, (Area Dean would no longer have to balance their duties with the pressure of also running a parish), providing leadership for change and development, as well flexible parish cover.

The diocese hope to start implementing the changes in July 2020 and for them to be fully in place by January 2021.

The implications of the proposals for Bury Deanery are significant.

*Claire Baggoley, Geraldine Booth,  
Michael Burton, Jean Houghton and  
Stephen Newhouse.  
March 2020*

Current deaneries of Bury, Rossendale and Radcliffe & Prestwich



## Bridge Bentley Ramsbottom Trust

Offering help to those in need. Charity N° 504625

### Report for the Bridge, Bentley and Ramsbottom Trust for 2019.

The work of the Trust has continued during the year with Trustees actively looking for ways to help those in need. Please read the promotional information below and if we can help anyone in need please let them know about the Trust.

The Expenditure for the year was £7,879. Grants were awarded in the following ways:

(1) 'One off' book grants to University students, (24) Welfare, (2) Educational.

The Bridge, Bentley, Ramsbottom Trust was created as an amalgamation of the John T. Bridge and three other smaller charitable trusts 2002.

**Small grants available for all ages**

- Do you, or anyone you know, live within three miles of Emmanuel Church, Holcombe or live within the Bury Deanery?
- Struggling to pay for a much needed item, e.g. Stair lift, walking frame, specially adapted prams, etc.?
- We have helped families with school uniform costs.
- We can help with the cost of training courses.
- We can help with Further and Higher Educational one off grants for: books/equipment, field trips, travel costs, etc.
- Can we make life a little easier? Let us know if you are in need.

The Bridge Bentley Ramsbottom Trust has small grants available to those in need living within a three mile radius of Emmanuel, Holcombe Church, Holcombe or those living within the Bury Deanery as defined on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**The five Trustees treat each application in strictest confidence.  
Applications are welcomed from people of any faith or none.**

All correspondence to:

The Secretary, Mrs. B .A. Newhouse, 21 Robert Street, Stubbins, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs. BL0 0NQ

Email: [banew@sky.com](mailto:banew@sky.com)

Website [www.bbrtrust.co.uk](http://www.bbrtrust.co.uk)

# Safeguarding Report

Unfortunately, Safeguarding is still something that seems to be in the media every week in one way or another, and the increased use of social media and the modern online world means that children are more at risk than ever. We all have the responsibility to do what we can to keep children safe and it must always be in everyone's minds when working in the parish. Any concerns, however minor they may seem, must be documented and reported to me. It could be a small part in a puzzle that adds significantly to the bigger picture.

It has been quite a busy year in terms of DBS checks for the parish. The P.C.C. members all need to be checked now due to them being trustees, even though many are not actually directly involved with any children's groups. In addition to this, we have had several volunteers come on board to help out with the running of the Cellar youth groups at St Mary's each week. Although the thought of a DBS check is quite daunting for some people, it is very easy to do. I have found that the easiest way is to meet at the E.C.C. so that I can check the identity documents and then assist with the completion of the online application. It only takes about 15 minutes to gather the information, and in the majority of cases, the DBS is sent out within a few days.

An additional training session has been run especially for us again this year by the Diocese because we have had so many new volunteers. It is important that everyone ensures they are up to date with training and I would advise you to check the Diocesan website for dates and venues

if you have not attended one of the sessions. It is a requirement that everyone repeats the course every three years.

A copy of The Parish Safeguarding Handbook has been put in each of the worship centres in the parish so that if anyone is ever in a position where they don't know what to do, or who to contact, the information and contact details are in here. This is also available on the Diocesan website and is a useful point of reference for anyone working with children and vulnerable adults so that you may always feel prepared. A disclosure could come at any time and it is incredibly important that this is handled correctly.

A yearly reminder to all group leaders, please remember that any new volunteers must be DBS checked before commencing work on a regular basis, so please contact me to arrange this at [elaine.allum@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.allum@btinternet.com).

As always, thank you to all our volunteers that work around the parish with both children and adults, because your care and attention can and does help to make sure we are there to provide support where needed.

*Elaine Allum  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2020*

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.) meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (P.S.O.) to work with the incumbent and the P.C.C. to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (D.S.A.) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Mrs. Elaine Allum as the Parish Safeguarding Officer

**Incumbent:** Reverend Paul Sumsion.  
**Churchwardens:** Mr. Michael Booth & Mr. Stephen Newhouse.  
*Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

# Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

## STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Holcombe and Hawkshaw 2019		
	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Income</b>			
Planned Giving - Gift Aid	61,515.67		
Planned Giving - Un-gifted	4,681.38		
One off Gift Aid	102.00		
Cash/Collections	8,067.18		
Income tax recovered	17,549.16		
Fund Raising Events	2,508.29		
Magazine	558.40		
Use of Church Buildings	5,420.00		
		100,402.08	
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b>			
Dividends and Interest	123.77		
Fees to PCC	14,157.00		
		14,280.77	114,682.85
<b>Extraordinary Income</b>			
Restricted Donations	9,581.00		
Refunds	1,260.08		
Special Appeals	447.60		
		11,288.68	125,971.53
Total Income 2019			<b>125,971.53</b>
Income 2018			<b>134,221.30</b>

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	<b>2019</b>		
	£	£	£
<b>The Ministry</b>			
Ministry Expenses	9,653.52		
Support & Education	3,658.08		
		13,311.60	
<b>The Church and Services</b>			
Energy	18,780.82		
Water	1,027.03		
Cleaning	520.00		
Insurance	7,346.93		
Upkeep of Services	7,091.88		
Minor Repairs, Fire Inspection	3,999.88		
Churchyard	1,901.96		
		40,668.50	
<b>Other Ordinary Expenditure</b>			
Wages	9,421.40		
Magazine	0.00		
Fund Raising costs	162.00		
Verger/Organist	1,410.00		
		10,993.40	
<b>The Diocese</b>			
Parish Share	55,500.00	Include £10,500 for 2018	
Other Diocese costs	3,207.40		
		58,707.40	
<b>Payments to Missions/Charities</b>			
Mission/Charities	5,485.93		
		5,485.93	129,166.83
<b>Extraordinary Expenditure</b>			
ECC Garden	366.90		
ECC	0.00		
Holcombe Church	1,894.84		
Hawkshaw	0.00		
Hawkshaw Heating	0.00		
Holcombe Organ	5,712.00		
		7,973.74	137,140.57
Total Cash Expenditure 2019			<b>137,140.57</b>
Expenditure 2018			<b>135,811.00</b>

**YEAR END STATEMENT 2019****Bank Balances 31 December 2019**

	<b>Total</b>
Current Account	-
Deposit Account	43,103.03
Direct Giving Accounts	6,940.64
Restricted Funds Account	819.79
Cash	831.65
	51,695.11
Less Unpresented cheques	
Year End Total	<b>51,695.11</b>

**Restricted/Designated Funds**

Gardening (ECC)	462.80
ECC	1,744.63
Holcombe	28,492.99
Hawkshaw	-
Hawkshaw Heating	17,500.00
Holcombe Organ	-
	<b>48,200.42</b>

Working Balance **3,494.69**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	<b>Balance 31/12/2018</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Balance 31/12/2019</b>
Santander	433.18	-68.97	364.21
CCLA - Restricted Holcombe Endowments	977.10	9.53	986.63
<b><u>Bank Accounts</u></b>			
Current Acc	-	-	-
Deposit Acc	39,802.30	3,300.73	43,103.03
Direct Giving Acc	19,466.70	- 12,526.06	6,940.64
Restricted Acc	818.15	1.64	819.79
Cash Not banked	2,777.00	- 1,945.35	831.65
	<b>64274.43</b>	<b>- 11,228.48</b>	<b>53045.95</b>
Less Cheques unpresented			0.00
	<b>64274.43</b>	<b>-11228.48</b>	<b>53045.95</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64274.43</b>	<b>-11228.48</b>	<b>53045.95</b>

# Yearbook

# 2019

# Social Liaison Group Report 2019

The Group only commits to organising **ONE** event at each centre of worship each year. The P.C.C. has previously agreed to split the total profit from those three events equally between the three centres. However many other events are organised by others throughout the parish.

## In 2019

1. **“Scratch Messiah”:** took place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Emmanuel, Holcombe. Under the inspiring musical direction of Juan Ortuño and with Elin Rees as our organist, along with guest soloists, 72 people attended and rehearsed all day and then performed late in the afternoon to an audience of around 40 people. The event was jointly organised with Bury Choral Society. We were most grateful when the Society waived their share of the £217 raised.
  2. **Millennium Gospel Choir:** Gave an impressive, well received performance on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at Emmanuel Church Centre. £250 was raised.
  3. **Parish Quiz:** The planned quiz was postponed so it did not clash with the Tearfund quiz on 16<sup>th</sup> November. (see below for plans for 2020)
- There were many events organised by other groups throughout the year.**
- **Garden Party** – took place on the 15<sup>nd</sup> June at Emmanuel Church Centre. The weather meant that most of the afternoon was spent indoors. However, a good time was had by all who attended. Thanks go to those who organised the delicious cream teas and interesting stalls for us all to enjoy inside. (Over £250 was raised towards the Garden Fund).
  - **Hawkshaw Gala:** 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The Church paid an active role in the weekend events.
  - **Last Night of the Proms:** was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and was again very popular. Thanks to “Drop in” who, once more, paid for the TV licence. Although not intended as a fund raiser the event made £334.
  - **Autumn Fair:** The P.C.C. decided to continue with the Autumn Fair, on 12<sup>th</sup> October. A popular “Social event” brought so many people together. Thanks to the organisers, stall holder and the team, kitchen staff and the team who set up the rooms. A total of £1014 was raised.
  - **Hawkshaw Bonfire:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
  - **Tearfund Big Quiz:** Held on 16<sup>th</sup> November at St. Mary’s, Hawkshaw. About 40 people attended. We had a great evening, enjoying each other’s company and the quiz questions, as well as a video update on some of Tearfund’s work. With the help of a generous individual donation, altogether we raised

£462 - the amount that Tearfund asked for to support two families in Nigeria following devastating attacks by militants last year. A 'Big Quiz Thank You' to all who were able to support Tearfund’s work in this way.

- **Words and Music for Christmas:** held on 7<sup>th</sup> December. As usual the first half was a light hearted affair with part two concentrating more on the more serious Christmas message.

## Plans for 2020:

- **Parish Quiz:** on 20<sup>th</sup> March at Emmanuel Church Centre.
- **George Formby Evening:** organised by David Horrocks - 16<sup>th</sup> May at Emmanuel Church Centre.
- **Square Street Singers:** - 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Emmanuel Church Centre
- **June Hawkshaw Gala:** Date to be advised.
- **Garden Party:** 4<sup>th</sup> July at Emmanuel Church Centre.
- **Last Night of the Proms:** 12<sup>th</sup> September at Emmanuel Church Centre (provisional)
- **Autumn Fair:** 10<sup>th</sup> October at Emmanuel Church Centre.
- **Harvest Supper:** 17<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary, Hawkshaw.
- **Words and Music for Christmas:** 5<sup>th</sup> December at Emmanuel Church Centre.

Please check pewsheets, Parish Magazine, Website and Social Media updates and other events.

## Membership:

*Gwen Barnes, Geraldine Booth,  
Michael Booth, Jennifer Burton,  
Stephen Newhouse, Sheila Partridge,  
and Dot Yardley.*

# Soup Company

Soup Company has now been operating for three years and the numbers have grown as have the choices of sweets and desserts. Numbers consistently average about 20, with as many as 24 coming in December. The conversation is good and the age range is mixed. We are delighted that we have attracted customers from all over the parish as well as people from other parishes and none.

Far more of us attend the communion service afterwards which is good and one of the objectives when we set it up. We usually have at least six choices of soup and sometimes up to nine. We have been delighted to welcome Annette on board as the resident Pea and Ham Soup-maker.

When you have had a bowl or even two of these you are filled up for the day. Garlic bread is always a favourite for some and we have a chief taster of new soups .... David Horrocks who is always one of the first to arrive.

Our take away service has also grown, this is available to anyone who lives alone and cannot get out, is ill or even if like Evelyn it. clashes with a visit from the hairdresser.

If you have not yet visited us it is the 2nd Thursday of every month. We gave out Christmas cards with all the dates for 2020 and also cross in the pockets with a Christmas theme to all our regulars.

Thanks also must go to Christine who makes a delicious Victoria Sandwich and a mean Apple Pie not to mention playing the piano.

Long may it continue.

*Jo Venn  
Romney Simpson*

## St Mary's CEP School Annual Report 2019/20

St Mary's continues to flourish enabling outstanding learning and providing care of the highest quality. We completed our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools in October 2019 and were absolutely delighted with the Excellent outcome. Bishop Mark made a special visit to our school to present the prestigious certificate in March 2020.

Last year we invited visitors to school including a professional poet, drama teacher, sport and nutrition coach, local artist, athlete, environmentalist, birds of prey handlers, and representatives from different faiths. The children are encouraged to have high aspirations and gain an increasing awareness of life beyond Bury.

We have taken the children on visits to Manchester Cathedral, Bury Leisure Centre, Bolton Theatre, GM Fire Training Centre, Blackpool Zoo, Martin Mere, Turton Tower, Crucial Crew, Jodrell Bank and our exhilarating residential trip to PGL at Winmarleigh Hall. Our Choir sang at Marks and Spencer's, Falshaw's Farm and the Christmas Tree Festival and the Methodist Monday Club.

We have joined other schools at tournaments for Athletics, Swimming, Football, X Country, Times Table Bee, and Hockey. We were delighted to be placed 1st in the Dodgeball Competition.

We have supported charities to help people less fortunate than ourselves, e.g. Children in Need, Australian Bush Fire, Red Nose Day, Sports Relief, and Christian Aid.

St Mary's celebrated 150 years of quality education in February 2020. It is a remarkable achievement and the school and community certainly celebrated in

style! The week started with Bishop Mark leading Sermons Sunday where all the staff and governors were given a

commemorative mug. The exhibition of school historical memorabilia was well attended and some past staff and pupils enjoyed tours of the school. We provided afternoon tea for over 70 appreciative past pupils and staff. Entertainment was provided by a professional singer, our school choir and Hazlehurst's brass ensemble. We had a Family Fun Night with over 120 guests. Food was provided by all the families creating a magnificent Jacobs Join feast. Entertainment was provided by a DJ and 2 live bands. Everybody had an excellent evening. All staff and children dressed up in Victorian clothing and completed Victorian style activities for our theme day. Even the school lunch had a Victorian theme. As part of the day we had photographs taken of all the children and staff. We certainly looked as though we had travelled back in time. It was a wonderful week packed with celebrations.

St Mary's CEP School is a very happy and vibrant school. Please visit our Celebration Booklets on the school website to see photographs and information on other recent special events. [www.stmaryshawkshaw.com](http://www.stmaryshawkshaw.com)

*Geraldine Woodward  
Head Teacher  
St Mary's CEP School*



## Excellent report

We have had a fantastic year at Emmanuel Holcombe with children, staff, governors, the Church and the community working and learning together. Throughout the year, we have undertaken a few major building projects and are delighted that we now have boilers that work, keeping school nice and warm. Family, friends, members of the Church, governors, community and neighbours have all worked together to develop the outdoor learning area. When we have rebuilt the stone wall and put in the gate, we are looking forward to using the area for learning and sharing. Mrs McGee, our catering manager loves the newly refurbished kitchen and we are hoping to include some raised vegetable beds in our outdoor learning area to use in the kitchen.

We have welcomed two new babies into our staff family, Edgar Jude and Penny Clough. Both babies are doing well and we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Jude and Mrs Clough back to our team in the near future.

Over the past year, our Faith Ambassadors have been working on raising awareness and funds for those less fortunate than us as well as leading worship, taking part in the faith forum with other schools and promoting Christian values. The children organised a Race for Life and raised over £1000 for Cancer Research. The Faith Ambassadors also assisted with the Easter walk, which culminated with hot chocolate and a hot cross scone (made by the children themselves) next to the tower and led the Carol concert at Emmanuel Church. It was lovely to share our experiences with family and friends.

Teaming up with St. Mary's, we shared transport to attend the Leavers' service at Manchester Cathedral.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the service and it proved a lovely chance for them to meet other children in the diocese.

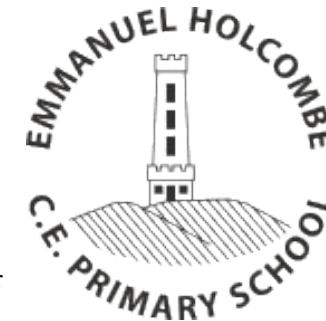
Participating in the swimming gala, rounders tournament, athletics, cross country and hockey tournaments to name a few, have given the children opportunity to challenge themselves in competition and our school orchestra have kept us entertained with their tuneful melodies.

Morrison's became the backdrop to our choir's first public performance and delighted the shoppers with their voices. They also sang alongside Bury Music Service in their first concert at the Civic Hall in Ramsbottom.

Prayer continues to play an important part in the life of the school with Betty and Gloria continuing to take prayer requests from staff and pupils. We were sorry to hear of Dorothy's death as she was a good friend to the school praying for us at Lavender Hills.

Emmanuel Holcombe School continues to be a wonderful place to learn and share. If you would like to become more involved in the life of the school, please do get in touch.

*Catherine Bennett  
Headteacher  
Emmanuel Holcombe Primary School.*



# Mothers' UNION

The Holcombe Branch of the Mother's Union had a busy and entertaining year in 2019 and we welcomed Mary Mills as a new member.

As a result of "open meetings" and the generosity of our visitors and members, we were able to give more from our funds to the work of the Mother's Union in the Diocese and outside including donations to: "Away From It All" - which helps families in difficult circumstances needing a welcome break, the "Just Up Your Street" programme - which covers a variety of projects, the Street Pastors, rucksacks with provisions for the Prison Release Scheme and the "Summer of Hope" scheme run by our Headquarters at Mary Sumner House, to name but a few.

At our Branch meetings we have welcomed our former Provincial President; Barbara Taylor, Christine Sharp our Diocesan President, Richard Hall provided two wonderful afternoons of recorded music in his own inimitable style - one of which we shared with resident at Hewlett Court and a great afternoon of music and laughter from Alan Morris and the Strummers group.

As well as having Richard at Hewlett Court, we also shared meetings with them when the "Open the Book" team joined us for a visual presentation of the Easter story and an Advent Carol Service.

As always, the Christmas Eve Crib Service was well attended and has come to be a welcome break for families in the middle of the Christmas preparations and

we had the showing of new outfits for the children made for us by our new member, Mary. Our thanks go to Beryl Shepherd who accompanied us on the piano, Romey for being the narrator and leading everyone in a wide selection of animal noises and keeping us all in order and our members who provided refreshments.

We always welcome new members to come and meet us on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 2.00pm in the Emmanuel Church Centre.

*Robert Airey.*

## Afternoon Fellowship Report 2019

38 years and still going strong. How I wish it were true. It is still going but on not so many regular members. The core is about 12 but we still meet twice a month and have regular speakers to entertain us.

The group meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in the month at 2.00pm in the Canon Lewis Hall. We have had a wide variety of people speaking to us.

The Kellingtons came in January with their slides of Nova Scotia. February saw a gentleman from Bury talking about Oxfam for whom he volunteers. March is our birthday and the local primary school came across and sang for us. We also had a members day with a sales table. A sort of mini bring and buy to help raise funds for our coffers.

An entrance fee is charged and we have a raffle for one small prize every week.

April saw Robert Airey talking to us about Welsh Saints. May brought us Rev Paul Sumsion and also Gloria Metcalfe leading an afternoon of readings from her and other members.

In June we had lunch at the Grey Mare in Darwen and towards the end of the month Jo Venn told us about her visit organised by the Bishops to the Holy Land. In July we have a Strawberry Tea and then break until September.

The latter half of the year brought us a special meeting in August to allow the Pinders to show us part of their journey in a Campervan around the USA. We still have parts to watch. In September we



start again with a members day followed by Romey Simpson doing Flower arrangements, Rev Richard Hawkins aided by Robert Airey told us about his train holiday in Europe which included visits to Auschwitz. He had some pictures a friend had taken.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance day was another meeting with Spellbound showing us films which included the Menin Gate. December brought the end of the year and an alteration in dates so we could include the afternoon Carol Service. Afterwards the Afternoon Fellowship provided the tea, coffee and edibles. Thus concluding the year.

Finally everyone is welcome to come. Please join us for our gatherings.

If you need more details please contact:

*Pauline Keighley (01204 884476)*

*Ann Milius (01204 880677)*

*or Alex Percy (01204 888603)*

# Emmanuel Holcombe Choir

This year has again been eventful with a good number of memorable occasions. Since the organ was installed in 1979 (just!), 2019 was the 40th anniversary, and we made the most of it. The refurbishment took place shortly before I wrote last year's report, and the fund-raising for it was complete not much later, after an extremely efficient campaign run by Mike Burton. (See last year's report.) We were then able to look forward to our planned celebrations.

The first and most major of these was the 'Messiah from Scratch' on July 6th. It felt like quite a gamble: I had no idea whether we would attract enough participants to break even, given the fees for the conductor and organist, let alone make a profit. But the registrations kept trickling in – opening the mail was really exciting! – and by the first Thursday in July we had at least 60 singers. The final total was nearly 70, though a small number had to drop out at the last minute. Nonetheless, we had a choir of well over 60, and the sound we made amazed everyone.

Our conductor Juan Ortuño and our organist, Elin Rees, were both superb, and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day. I received comments like: 'I enjoyed every minute!' Even the weather played its part. There were suggestions that there should be a repeat before too long. I have the impression that it was particularly successful because for many people it was the fulfilment of a long cherished ambition. But it could be worthwhile to organise a similar day in, say, five years' time.

The day would have been much more difficult to organise without Jenny Burton: she stayed from start to finish, although she wasn't singing, provided refreshments, and ensured

that they were available whenever they were needed.

We chose the second half of November to mark the official organ anniversary, with a special Choral Evensong, followed by 'Songs of Praise' the following week. For Choral Evensong we revived 'O thou, the central orb', which is a wonderful anthem for a celebration. We had to work hard, but we pulled it off, to everyone's delight. It was lovely that Pat Carver, who had been dogged by ill health, managed to join us on that occasion. She was determined to sing the anthem with us. We repeated it for a larger congregation the following Sunday morning at our 'Songs of Praise', and took the opportunity to ask John Fairclough to play an organ solo for us during the service.

For a while it looked as though we might not have a children's singing group at the carol service, as two dates clashed for some of them. In the end, we managed to work round the dates, and eight children sang with us, including two younger siblings of children we already knew. They worked hard and did well. As always we are grateful to the parents for their support, without which this would not have happened.

We are pleased to have gained another alto, Sally Hilditch, who had occasionally sung with us in the past. It is particularly helpful, as health problems have again caused absences. Indeed, as I write this, I am still not allowed to put any weight on my left foot, having broken two bones in it in mid-January. But that will change fairly soon now, though I can't yet predict exactly what I will be able to do when.

As always I would like to thank all who participate in and contribute to the smooth running of the choir in a variety of ways, including friends who sing with us and / or play for services occasionally. Special mention should be made of Beryl, who found herself responsible for the choir practices and for playing for services without warning in mid-

January. I don't know what we would have done without her, and I am most grateful. Thanks are also due to John Fairclough who not only played for Choral Evensong as usual in February, but also led the final choir practice before the service, as I was out of action and Beryl was away. I am hoping that it won't be too long before I can let her have a well earned rest from being in charge, so that she can once again enjoy just singing with us.

*Rosemary Artley  
March 2020*

## Music at Hawkshaw

We enjoy a variety in the style of music we use in worship at Hawkshaw. The morning service is usually led by band and singers, with the regular use of the organ for more traditional hymns. We are grateful for the wealth of new music available to us in worship.

We continue to be blessed by our youth band leading the monthly family service. They also led worship in a Ramsbottom Churches Together service during the 'Do you know Him?' campaign and further afield at Salford Cathedral for Manchester Churches Together A.G.M.

Informal worship has moved from its evening slot to the main morning service on occasional Sundays to make it available to the much larger congregation that the morning service attracts.

Evening worship has been led on the piano by Sue Byrom, Betty Hodgson and Noma Dean, for which we are very grateful.

After many, many years of dedicated service Betty has recently stepped down from



her involvement in music at Hawkshaw. Over the years she has been the church's main pianist and organist, playing regularly for services and accompanying musicals. We are very thankful for all she has brought to the worshipping life of the church.

This year our Christmas singing began early when we were invited to sing carols at the turning on of Christmas tree lights at the Wagon and Horses. We joined with a large number of villagers outside the pub on the first Sunday of Advent

By request, we were back at the Wagon and Horses for their advertised Carol Singing and Mince Pies evening. 15 or so members of the congregation came along to sing of the birth of our Saviour and we were very warmly received by those enjoying their pre-Christmas meals.

Our Christmas Eve carol service was led by a choir, brass ensemble and organ.

A big 'thank you' to all singers, musicians and those giving technical support who have been involved in the musical life of our church over the past year.

*Jo Sumsion  
Jan 2020*

## Open the Book

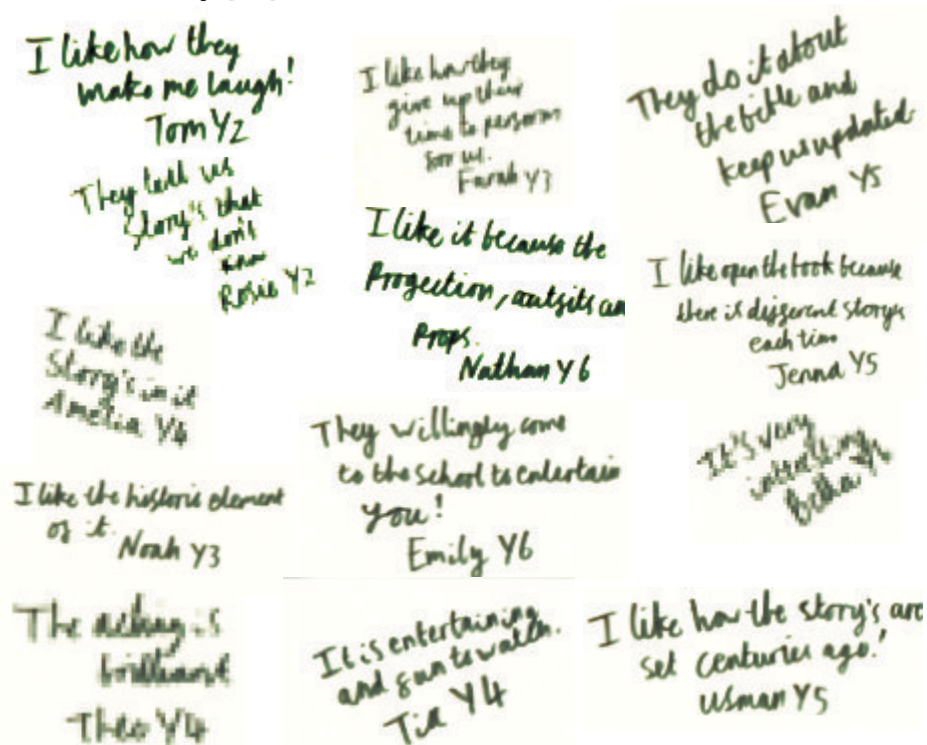
Here at Holcombe Brook, we really enjoy the 'Open the Book' performances. From reception to year 6 children, everyone loves how it's so interactive and all the year 6's love to join in with the acting. We learn something new every Tuesday and we like how every week there's something funny mixed into the religious aspect of the story. This helps make it more fun to listen to and watch. The actors do a great job of taking on different characters each week.



On behalf of all the children and teachers at Holcombe Brook, THANK YOU.

*Jake*

## Comments by pupils



## Report from the E.C.C. Prayer Group

The Group continues to look for new ways in which to create and develop opportunities for reflective and meditative forms of worship.

We have continued to prepare and deliver Quiet Mornings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except July and December). These offer time and space for personal prayer and reflection, with theme-based words and music, presenting an opportunity for individuals to step out of the busyness of life and meet with God in their own meaningful and unique way.

During 2019 the mornings have attracted an average attendance of 19, made up of people from our own parish and several other churches in the Ramsbottom area as well as further afield. The accompanying booklets are also sent out to a growing number of people who are not able to attend for various reasons. A total of around 50 people now have access to the Quiet Morning material.



As usual, the E.C.C. was open on Good Friday for personal silent reflection, this year from 12.00 to 3.00p.m., the focus being "The Gift of a Cross", based on Meditations by Pat Marsh.

Three "Taize Prayer" services were held in 2019, two of these being on Sunday evenings in February and June, and one, for the first time, in a morning service slot in September. These have been well-received and five services have been scheduled for 2020, three in the evening and two in the morning.

A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join us in any of these times of prayer and reflection.

## Cellar and Youth at Hawkshaw

In March we had another successful weekend away at Yorkshire camps with 21 young people. It was a great weekend of worship, Bible teaching and outdoor activities.

The Cellar youth club continued to meet twice a week during term time for most of 2019. Unfortunately, the Monday group, for school Year 9 and above, had to stop in October as Danny Madden, who had been leading the group, moved on from his role as youth worker at Holcombe Brook Methodist church. Without a Pais team in place there weren't sufficient numbers of leaders to continue. We wish Danny well as he trains for a new career and thank him for all his work in supporting our young people through Cellar.

We have been able to recruit enough leaders to continue the Thursday group for school Years 7 and 8 (ages 11-13) without a Pais team. There are around 20 young people in attendance each week. Every session follows a similar format of games - indoor and outdoor - food and a Christian message, brought by one of the leaders or an external speaker. Since September we have been working through the Youth Alpha material. We are very grateful to all our leaders for the time and energy they give to Cellar.

During this year we have seen the older youth at Hawkshaw outgrow our Sunday



morning group. These young people (Year 10 and above) are now staying in the main service to help with reading, assisting at communion, taking charge of the audio visuals, serving coffee and teaching Sunday school. We also meet with these young people for a Bible study after school on a Friday fortnightly.

The group for ages 10-14 continues to meet together during the Sunday morning service with up to 12 young people attending. Again, we would not be able to run a Sunday morning youth group without committed leaders and, again, in this group we have felt the impact of not having a Pais team. Thank you to Mandi Tomkinson, who continues to faithfully serve in this group, and to Becky Slattery and Liz Webber who stepped up to help during the autumn term. Please pray for more leaders for the future, as Becky is currently on maternity leave, and Liz will be joining her in the summer term.

Please pray for all the young people involved; that they would know Jesus more and that their lives would be transformed by His love.

*Jo Sumsion  
January 2020*

## Sunday School - St Mary, Hawkshaw

Sunday School provides bible-centred teaching for children between 3 and 10 years of age during term time, when we also play games and do crafts, with the aim of helping them to come to know and love Jesus. Generally, on the first Sunday of the month we have Family Communion together in church and Sunday School takes place on the following 3 Sundays.

Currently there are about 15 children who regularly attend our Sunday School and we divide up into two separate groups. We try to keep this flexible and the age ranges in each group will vary year to year depending on numbers. Each week the first 15 minutes or so is spent in church for a short time of worship, then we walk across to the school. There are usually 3 or 4 volunteers helping, mostly on a rota basis.

During the last year both groups have been working from the Scripture Union "Light" series as a starting point for our



teaching sessions. The younger group have used the "Splash" version and the older group have loosely followed "XStream". However, we did adapt our programme to make sure we included special festivals such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc. During the Christmas Carol service the children took part in a Nativity with the help of some of the younger Pathfinders.

We continue to support a boy in Lebanon through Embrace the Middle East and children are invited to bring a bit of money each week towards this mission.

*Penny Hanley*

# Hall Things Bright and Beautiful.

First of all, thanks to everyone who continues to give their time and efforts to maintaining the Reflective Garden at the worship centre, for everyone to enjoy. The area is still attracting many visitors of all ages and for many different reasons. Some enjoy just a quiet time, others are more active and use the campfire circle, pathways and other parts for various recreations. All are very welcome.

During the year we have repaired the outer pathway which had suffered frost damage. Also, encroaching vegetation has been removed which was making it difficult to travel along the pathway in a wheelchair. We shall continue to keep an eye on this problem to ensure access for all.

Unfortunately, some of the signs within the garden also suffered from frost and have had to be replaced, hopefully everyone will like them just as much.

The garden does not seem to be suffering as badly from rabbits, so quite a few of the protective wire cages were removed. However, no sooner had they been taken down, when it seems we had an attack from deer! This meant one or two young bushes had to be replaced!



An area for planting has been extended and barked over ready for future additions. The remaining rough areas will be left for the wild life to enjoy. The aim is to achieve a good balance between natural and cultivated. In keeping with this idea, an attempt was made to create a maze effect through the grassy area for the children to run through in the summer – hope they enjoyed it.

It has been a pleasure to help with the garden again this year and we look forward to another year full of events, including the enjoyable garden party. Please make use of the garden and enjoy the seasonal changes.

*Barbara Newhouse,  
For the Hall Things Bright and Beautiful  
Team*



## Another year, another update

Our regular Monday morning gatherings continue to attract new as well as established regulars. Sadly, we recently said farewell to one of our founder members Dorothy Mangham. She and Colin both came to our fledgling gatherings that must go back twenty years – time flies!

The fellowship is special and we have roughly the same number of men as we do women. Our seating arrangements ensure that topical subjects of conversation are well aired and silence seldom happens.

In saying our goodbyes to Dorothy, who over the last three and a half years was a distant voice, (residence in a care home prevented her presence), she never failed to enquire about what we were up to and a constant stream of visitors kept her well informed – we miss her.

Our usual twice yearly lunches still happen, with 16 members of the 'Open the Book' team joining us for a happy, shared four course meal on the premises. We elected at our last summer lunch, to put out a donation box for the McMillan Nurses. In the past we held a separate coffee morning to raise funds, but one event rather than two was less work and proved more rewarding.

All donations otherwise are given to church funds – directly or indirectly. We are open throughout the year each Monday and all are welcome for friendship, fellowship and of course tea, coffee and biscuits between 10.00am and 12 noon.

# 19<sup>th</sup> Ramsbottom Brownies



Following the amalgamation of the two remaining Brownie packs attached to the Parish, the number of our Brownies has increased and we now have a thriving pack. Of course, Brownies move on to Guides and we always look forward to welcoming new members.

As usual we have had a full programme, trying to develop skills, keep our promise and enjoy new experiences. Among our many activities have been sleep overs, walking, skills building, community work, gardening, trips out and many more.

Thanks go to the Guiders who keep the pack running from week to week. Guiding is always looking for extra help, so if you can spare some time to share in the enjoyment of a Brownie meeting, please contact anyone below.

What will we do in 2020? At our first meeting in January, we will ask the girls for their thoughts – what wonderful ideas will they come up with? Brownies is always an exciting challenge!

*Brown Owl: Julie Smith  
Tawny Owl: Barbara Newhouse  
Snowy Owl: Janet Halliwell*

# 10<sup>th</sup> Ramsbottom Guides



2019 saw another busy year for 10<sup>th</sup> Ramsbottom Guides, with the girls & leaders getting stuck into the Guiding program, completing badges, Unit Meeting Activities & Skills Builders.

Activities have included enjoying the outdoors, with girls (& leaders) joining an action-packed Guides Activity camp at Waddow Hall, near Clitheroe. A sunny weekend found us canoeing on the River Ribble, flying down the zip-wire, grass sledging, taking aim with archery, tackling the escape room and completing the crate challenge amongst other things, as well as toasting marshmallows and learning some new campfire songs.

We've got smoky with campfire cookouts, baking sponge cakes in oranges, practised pitching tents and gardened, where we weeded one of the hall planters and sowed flower seeds.

As part of the Girlguiding program, the Guides have made recycled friends, played tent beetle, made and played jelly baby table football. They've baked scones, decorated chocolate log cakes,

made scary pizzas, learnt how to use a sewing machine to make fleece hats, made each other laugh playing "My Fabulous Friend" and made polymer clay pets and beaded dragonflies. We've completed the Pig Challenge, learning how to play pass the pigs, and the Girls Guide to Tea Challenge.

Being inside hasn't stopped us being active, playing old favourites such as duster hockey, as well as learning one or two new games along the way.

As ever, we couldn't do this without the help of our volunteers, so it's 'Thank You!' for everything they do.

*Susan Watson*



# 11<sup>th</sup> Ramsbottom (Holcombe) Guides Annual Report

Last year could best be described as one of great achievements. With another 4 of the Guides receiving their Baden Powell Challenge Award at a special presentation evening, Although, we are a small guide company with only 9 girls, they are all very enthusiastic and now 6 of those girls hold the top award, something we are all very proud of. These 9 girls (aged 12 to 15) go to 5 different local schools, and over the years since they started at Guides at 10 years old have built up really good friendships. Recently a parent thanked the Guiders for the activities we organise and commented on what a huge achievement it is that girls of their age keep coming each Friday!!

With the new Guide Programme fully implemented the Guides have gained a variety of new badges including Confectionery, Vlogging and the

Communicate Skills Builder. Which in turn means they then qualified for the "Express Myself Theme Award".

The most energetic activity of the year was when we joined with Guides from all over Lancashire, in completing the "Guides Get Muddy" Obstacle Course at the Holcombe Moor Training Camp (there was even more mud than last year!). Then with members of Holcombe District Girlguiding we went to see the Pantomime "Aladdin" at the Blackburn Empire Theatre - what a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities!

Other activities during the year have included hiking, roller skating, swimming, campfire lighting and a sleepover. We planted flowers along the Church Walk, decorated the Church for Harvest and had our usual Gingerbread man stall at the Autumn Fair and a couple of Guides also waitressed.

So, as you can see, we have had another active and fun packed year and we are all now looking forward to the challenges and activities that lie ahead this year.

*Kathryn Fry  
Janet Howarth  
(Guiders)*

## Traveller's (Adult and Toddler Group)

### Annual Report (March 2019 – February 2020)

There was great excitement when the children came in and saw the new bright red Play-Dough Wheels Fire Truck. Play dough is a definite favourite and so much so, Julia has to make new play dough each term (recently we had orange play dough, which even smelt of orange too!)

On the whole last year seemed to have been a little bit quieter, but we know this was the same at similar groups in our area. (Having said that the other week we had a busy week with 17 children and 15 adults). The children continue to enjoy the craft activities we do, especially those for Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas. Samples of the items they make are displayed on the "Traveller's" notice board in the Church hall. Along with lots of photographs, the dates we meet and details of our special events like our Christmas Party and the "Pudsey" afternoon where masks were made and worn helping to raise £75 for Children In Need.

We decided to change the layout of the hall by dividing it more clearly into three sections. In the top third of the hall (nearest the partition doors), is the large rug/play mats specially for the babies and toddlers, with the play kitchen and dolls

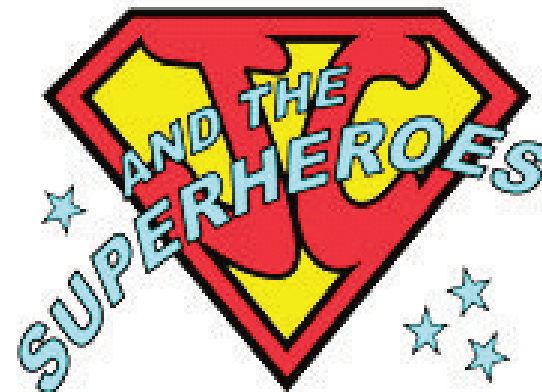


prams. The middle section starts with the dressing up clothes, our Tree house and slide. Next to them is a row of tables which contain the Play dough, Dinosaur Island, then either Jigsaws or colouring sheets and crayons. At the end of these tables is a small reading area with bean bags and books. The remaining part of the hall has the trampoline, garage and cars then we alternate the bikes and ride on cars with play tents, tunnels, skittles and train track. As you can see there are lots of toys, so why not come along and join us on Wednesday's (term time only) from 1.30pm. to 3.00pm.

*Kathryn Fry,  
Julia Grant & Doris Lockett*

## Holiday Club

Holiday Club at Hawkshaw during the last week in July 2019 celebrated the actions of a few Superheroes, including the ultimate protagonist, Jesus Himself. About 30 children from around the parish came along to have fun and enjoy puppets, games, crafts and songs.



On Monday we watched the puppets tell the story of David, superhero and giant-killer. The children then made catapults and practised their aims on a willing, but naive, volunteer who was relying entirely upon paper-thin armour for protection! On Tuesday we saw Jesus in action as the Superhero, who conquers death and heals the faithful, in the story of Jairus' daughter. On Wednesday the puppets reminded us of how Jesus defied His own death at Easter, and Thursday brought the story of a "super-angel" walking Peter straight past the prison guards and out to freedom, in the end to be confused with a Pizza delivery man round at Mark's mum's house! On Friday the puppets wrestled the big storm as Paul was being shipped out to Rome, with his unscheduled stop-over at Malta, and we learned how Paul's super-heroic actions saved all souls on board.

Of course the biggest superheroes of the week were the band of merry helpers, puppeteers, musicians, cleaners, brewers, pot-washers, and in particular, our young helpers, Josh, Caleb and Isaac.

Thank you all.

*Penny Hanley*

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The Vicarage,  
Bolton Road,  
Hawkshaw,  
Bury,  
BL8 4JN  
01204 888060.



**Associate Ministers:**

Rev. Robert Airey	01706 224743
Rev. Vic. Fletcher	01204 882750.

<b>Readers:</b>	Mr. Michael Burton,	01706 822664.
	Mr. Richard Byrom,	01204 883110.
	Mr. Michael Booth,	01204 884648.
	Mrs. Ethel Houghton	01254 704758.
	Mrs. Jane Fletcher	01204 882750.

**Church Wardens:**

Mr. Stephen Newhouse	(Lay Chair P.C.C.).
	01706 412657.
Mr. Michael Booth	(Reader)
	01204 884648.

**Why not visit our website:** [www.holcombehawkshaw.org](http://www.holcombehawkshaw.org)



**Parish of  
Holcombe &  
Hawkshaw**



# Annual Report and Yearbook 2019

**STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019****Holcombe and Hawkshaw****2019**

£ £ £

**Voluntary Income**

Planned Giving - Gift Aid	61,515.67	
Planned Giving - Un-gifted	4,681.38	
One off Gift Aid	102.00	
Cash/Collections	8,067.18	
Income tax recovered	17,549.16	
Fund Raising Events	2,508.29	
Magazine	558.40	
Use of Church Buildings	5,420.00	
		<u>100,402.08</u>

**Other Ordinary Income**

Dividends and Interest	123.77	
Fees to PCC	14,157.00	
		<u>14,280.77</u>

114,682.85**Extraordinary Income**

Restricted Donations	9,581.00	
Refunds	1,260.08	
Special Appeals	447.60	
		<u>11,288.68</u>

125,971.53**Total Income 2019**125,971.53**Income 2018**134,221.30

# Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

## STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	
	£	£
<b>The Ministry</b>		
Ministry Expenses	9,653.52	
Support & Education	3,658.08	
		<u>13,311.60</u>
<b>The Church and Services</b>		
Energy	18,780.82	
Water	1,027.03	
Cleaning	520.00	
Insurance	7,346.93	
Upkeep of Services	7,091.88	
Minor Repairs, Fire Inspection	3,999.88	
Churchyard	1,901.96	
		<u>40,668.50</u>
<b>Other Ordinary Expenditure</b>		
Wages	9,421.40	
Magazine	0.00	
Fund Raising costs	162.00	
Verger/Organist	1,410.00	
		<u>10,993.40</u>
<b>The Diocese</b>		
Parish Share	55,500.00	Include £10,500 for 2018
Other Diocese costs	3,207.40	
		<u>58,707.40</u>
<b>Payments to Missions/Charities</b>		
Mission/Charities	5,485.93	
		<u>5,485.93</u>
		129,166.83
<b>Extraordinary Expenditure</b>		
ECC Garden	366.90	
ECC	0.00	
Holcombe Church	1,894.84	
Hawkshaw	0.00	
Hawkshaw Heating	0.00	
Holcombe Organ	5,712.00	
		<u>7,973.74</u>
		137,140.57
<b>Total Cash Expenditure 2019</b>		<u><u>137,140.57</u></u>
<b>Expenditure 2018</b>		<b>135,811.00</b>

## YEAR END STATEMENT 2019

<b>Bank Balances 31 December 2019</b>	<b>Total</b>
Current Account	-
Deposit Account	43,103.03
Direct Giving Accounts	6,940.64
Restricted Funds Account	819.79
Cash	831.65
	<u>51,695.11</u>
Less Unpresented cheques	
<b>Year End Total</b>	<b><u>51,695.11</u></b>
<b>Restricted/Designated Funds</b>	
Gardening (ECC)	462.80
ECC	1,744.63
Holcombe	28,492.99
Hawkshaw	-
Hawkshaw Heating	17,500.00
Holcombe Organ	-
	<u>48,200.42</u>
<b>Working Balance</b>	<b>3,494.69</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Balance 31/12/2018	Change	Balance 31/12/2019
Santander	433.18	-68.97	364.21
CCLA - Restricted Holcombe Endowments	977.10	9.53	986.63
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
Current Acc	-	-	-
Deposit Acc	39,802.30	3,300.73	43,103.03
Direct Giving Acc	19,466.70	- 12,526.06	6,940.64
Restricted Acc	818.15	1.64	819.79
Cash Not banked	2,777.00	- 1,945.35	831.65
	<b>64274.43</b>	<b>- 11,228.48</b>	<b>53045.95</b>
Less Cheques unrepresented			0.00
	<b>64274.43</b>	<b>-11228.48</b>	<b>53045.95</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64274.43</b>	<b>-11228.48</b>	<b>53045.95</b>

# Yearbook

# 2019



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Parish of Holcombe & Hawkshaw, Lancashire

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2019

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

1,2 and Trace Mar20 A1, Trace Mar20 B1, Summary of Traceability

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

31/3/2020

Name:

Stuart Moulton

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

AAT membership number: 20269328

Address:

9 Hunstanton Drive, Bury. BL8 1EG

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I have carried out the Independent examination and although minor I wish to highlight that there are occasions in the Cheque books I examined where no amount is recorded.

I have cross referenced financial statements with links back to accounting records: - Bank statements, Receipts, Bank Details & Summary (held by Treasurer), Invoices.

I have selected various sample receipts & payments and traced back through all accounting sheets including Bank Statements. Details of one sample – see **'Trace Mar20 A1'**.

I have selected various sample payments on Bank Statements and traced back through all accounting sheets Receipts. Details of one sample – see **'Trace Mar20 B1'**.

I have selected various Incomes and follow back 'Direct Giving' money transfers and 'Weekly Giving' and am satisfied that these accounts give no cause for concern.

See **'Summary of Traceability'**

I have reviewed the minutes of the PCC and I have obtained background information on the PCC, how it is organised. The parish includes St. Mary's Hawkshaw & Emmanuel Holcombe and within the Parish there are 3 churches - St. Mary's (Hawkshaw), Emmanuel Church (Holcombe Village) & Emmanuel Church Centre (Holcombe).

Three sheets attached: -  
**Trace Mar20 A1**  
**Trace Mar20 B1**  
**Summary of Traceability**

# Trace Mar20 A1

ST PATRICKS CHURCH  
51 BARKS VILLAGE  
DOLTON ROAD  
LONDON W14  
W14 9JY  
020 894 4000



Late renewal  
September 2019

16-2923 Account No: 18173108 Page: 4/79  
Parish Of Holcombe & Hawkshaw, Longlight Road, Greenhead, Bury, BL8 4DB  
CURRENT ACCOUNT



Greenhead House (City Branch)  
Greenhead House, Greenhead  
1, Greenhead Avenue  
Greenhead, Bury  
BL8 4DB

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Parish Of Holcombe & Hawkshaw, BL8 4DB  
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Yours sincerely,

Mark Roberts

Customer Service Director

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















































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18	Overseas Missionary Societies	95.00	95.00	80.00	95.00	455.45	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	333.88	1,724.33
18	Christian Relief Dev Agencies													
18	Home Mission & Church Soc	300.00	300.00	385.00	500.00	300.00	300.00	150.00		150.00				2,385.00
18	Secular Charities	150.00	82.60		50.00		90.00	106.30		618.00	236.00		164.00	1,496.60
19	Parish Share	10,500.00				11,000.00						11,000.00	22,500.00	35,500.00
	<b>Payment To Diocese</b>	650.00		206.20				236.20			1,883.00			3,207.40
21	Incumbent Expenses	243.00	306.00	1,634.00	2,276.58	254.00	254.00	254.00	254.00	507.29	254.00	254.00	3,177.77	9,853.52
20	Other Clerical Expenses	111.00	246.00	38.00	30.00			154.00		263.00	76.00		95.00	1,416.00
20	Wages	67.50	224.16	753.00	679.30	757.80	751.00	753.00	854.06	875.93	855.83	825.83	853.83	9,421.46
20	Insurance	633.95	633.57	633.57	633.57	633.57	633.57	633.57	633.57	633.57	633.57	599.42	599.42	7,340.97
23	Cleaning	80.00	80.00	80.00	120.00	10.00	80.00							580.00
24	Water	17.90	101.31	49.77	96.41	48.83	48.83	48.83	48.83	48.83	48.83	48.83	48.83	1,027.03
24	Energy Costs	2,704.00			3,178.00	648.61	4,603.42	1,249.00	35.83	1,269.14	1,397.96	1,399.44	1,380.83	18,762.80
23	Church Maintenance	297.60	490.00	123.60		210.36		520.80	50.00	1,269.47	464.59	1,136.59	619.77	3,999.88
23	Upkeep of Services	397.07	183.15	234.51	1,976.95	1,097.03	934.84	205.51	376.77	595.38	159.31	640.67	102.74	7,091.88
23	Upkeep of Churchyard			462.00			156.60	342.21	387.19	371.86	374.20		8.40	1,801.96
25	Magazine Costs													
22	Support and Education Costs		382.56	236.56	391.79	249.39	477.49	69.00	206.06	448.07	348.18	94.58	687.10	3,658.08
17	Fund Raising Costs				100.00									100.00
27	Restricted Fund Costs		57.81	5,737.68			950.84	1,080.00		140.15	17.94			7,973.74
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>17,584.58</b>	<b>3,668.66</b>	<b>11,089.21</b>	<b>18,345.51</b>	<b>15,780.32</b>	<b>8,476.95</b>	<b>6,453.30</b>	<b>2,716.60</b>	<b>5,761.62</b>	<b>7,856.14</b>	<b>10,524.36</b>	<b>30,814.57</b>	<b>137,140.57</b>
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**Summary of Traceability of Itemised selection from various items/details followed over the course of the Examination**

Chq No		Date	Amount	To	Found in	Found in	Found in	Found in	
	Follow a Chq	001737	08/12/2019	£8.40	Bury Council	Bank Details. DEC (Upkeep of Church Yard)	Bank Summary 2019	RBS statement. DEC19- P.439	Receipts - Bury Council DEC Invoice No. 34870455
B1	Follow a Chq	001683	10/02/2019	£93.00	Manchester Diocese	Bank Details. FEB (The Ministry)	Bank Summary 2019	RBS statement. DEC19- P.403	Receipts - Crux Magazine FEB Parish Code: B10536
	Follow a Chq	001944	08/08/2019	£618.00	Bury Hospice	Bank Details. SEP (Payments to Charities)	Bank Summary 2019	RBS statement. SEP19- P.429	Unable to find Receipt
A1	Follow Receipt	001952	11/09/2019	£154.50	TV Licensing	Bank Details. SEP (Upkeep of Services)	Bank Summary 2019	RBS statement. SEP19- P.429	Receipts - TV Licensing No. 3898626937
	Follow a Wks. income	Emmanuel	Wks. 28/4/19	£181.20	Planned Giving	Income 2019 APR (receipt wks. 17E)	Receipt Summary	Cash to Bank' APR 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258.	
	Follow a Wks. income	Emmanuel	Wks. 28/4/19	£232.00	Collections	Income 2019 APR (receipt wks. 17E)	Receipt Summary		

Chq stubs found to be missing amounts: - 001691, 001710, 001725