

Annual Report 2020



St Bride's Church

St. Bride's Church, Old Trafford

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 29th March, 2020, at 1 p.m.

Our Annual Church Meeting is an opportunity to deal with the business of the church, to discuss issues that are concerned with our community life, and to think creatively about our future as we follow God's leading.

Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift which he has received from God. Whoever preaches must preach God's messages; whoever serves must serve with the strength that God gives him, so that in all things praise may be given to God through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and power for ever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4: 10, 11 (*GNB*)

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Agenda For Annual Meetings

29th March 2020

Meeting of Parishioners

(Open to everyone on the Electoral Roll plus all Local Government Electors in the Parish)

- 1 | Prayer
- 2 | Apologies for absence
- 3 | Minutes of the 2019 meeting *(These minutes were approved by the P.C.C. on 13th May, 2020.)*
- 4 | Election of Churchwardens for 2020/2021 *(Churchwardens are P.C.C. members ex officio.)*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(Open to everyone on the Electoral Roll of the Church. Non-voting observers are welcome.)

- 1 | Apologies for absence
- 2 | Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2019
- 3 | Identification of issues for discussion at the A.P.C.M. or future P.C.C. meetings — *Anyone on the Electoral Roll may suggest an item for discussion, but PLEASE be sure to let Peter Matthews or Graham Cooper have notice of the item by Tuesday 24th March 2020.*
- 4.1 | Report of Rector
- 4.2 | Report of Electoral Roll Officer
- 4.3 | Report from P.C.C.
- 4.4 | Report from Deanery Synod
- 4.5 | Report of Parish Safeguarding Officer
- 4.6 | Parish Policy on Safeguarding Children
- 4.7 | Parish Policy on Safeguarding Adults
- 4.8 | Fabric Report
- 5.1 | Report of Treasurer and Presentation of Accounts for 2019
- 5.2 | Independent Examiner for 2020/2021
- 6.1 | Report of Prayer Ministry
- 6.2 | Report of Small Groups
- 6.3 | Report of Youth Work
- 6.4 | Report of Bizzy B's
- 6.5 | Report of Destitution Project
- 6.6 | Report of Community Breakfast
- 6.7 | Report of Children's Work
- 7 | Election of 2 Deanery Synod Representatives *(for 3 years)*
- 8 | Election of 9 Members of the Parochial Church Council *(for 3 years, subject to drawing lots for 3 members to serve for 2 years, and 3 members to serve for 1 year)*
- 9 | Issues for discussion at the A.P.C.M. *(as identified above)*
- 10 | Praying for the work of the church

Annual Meeting Of Parishioners Minutes

14th April 2019

In Attendance:

Kwami Ankrah, Angela Cooper, Graham Cooper (*minutes*), Robert Eccles, Rev. Vivien Eccles, Fatima, Catherine Fyfe, Rosalia Fyfe-Paulo, Nathan Gonzalez, David Henningham, Sarah Henningham, Susanna Hewitt, John Holdsworth (*Independent Examiner*) Pam Holdsworth, Chara Hosie, John Hosie, Joseph Lamda, Douglas Matthews, Penny Matthews, Rev. Peter Matthews (*chair*), Linda Penrose, M-J Sharp, Rachael Smith, Lynda Sterling, Malcolm Sterling, Maxine Whyte, Jennifer Williams.

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Alison Bell, Clare Myring, John Myring, Esther Walton, Grace Walton, Laura Walton, and Simon Walton.

Minutes

- 2 | The minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 15th April, 2018, which had been approved by the Parochial Church Council on 30th April, 2018, were approved.
- 3 | No items for discussion had been notified in advance to the chair or secretary.

Officers' Reports

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- 4.2 | Rev. Peter Matthews read the Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St. Bride's, Old Trafford, which with the appointment of Angela Cooper as safeguarding officer, was approved by the P.C.C. on 30th April, 2018.
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- 4.4 | The reports of the Electoral Roll Officer, the Secretary to the P.C.C., the Deanery Synod Representative, and the Safeguarding Officer were received.
- 4.5 | On behalf of the Churchwardens Jenni Williams thanked those who had supported them over the last 3 years, and reported that they had put lots of things in place, such as the regular check on the fire alarm, and they had left in place a rota for the next 3 months for opening and closing the building on Sundays.

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- 5.2 | Jenni Williams proposed, and Chara Hosie seconded the proposal that John Holdsworth be appointed the Independent Examiner for the accounting year 2019. It was RESOLVED unanimously that John Holdsworth be appointed the Independent Examiner for the accounting year 2019.
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Reports of Activities

- 6 | The reports on Prayer, Small Groups, St. Bride's Youth, St. Bride's Kids, Bizzy B's,
| the Destitution Project and the Big Breakfast were received.

Elections

- 7 | There was no candidate nominated for the vacancy to represent the church with
Angela Cooper and clergy in Stretford Deanery Synod for 2 more years.
- 8 | The following 9 lay people were elected to sit on the Parochial Church Council for 1 year:
Alison Bell
Graham Cooper
Robert Eccles
David Henningham
Samuel Marriott
Douglas Matthews
Clare Myring
John Myring
Linda Penrose
- 9 | The selection of new sidespeople was deferred. There was a rota for sidespeople up
to the end of July, 2019.
- 10.1 | Graham Cooper drew attention to Rule 16 of the Church Representation Rules in
Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969, as amended in 1992, 1999,
and 2003, which provided that "Subject to the following provisions of these rules,
representatives of the laity serving on the parochial church council by virtue of rule 14(1)
(g) [ordinary lay members] shall hold office from the conclusion of the annual meeting at
which they were elected until the conclusion of the third annual meeting thereafter, one
third retiring and being elected each year." The Rules allowed the A.P.C.M. to choose to
continue to elect lay representatives for one year at a time. There was also provision for a
member elected for a 3 year term to resign prematurely creating a casual vacancy.
- 10.2 | Rev. Peter Matthews proposed that from 2020 lay representatives should begin to
be elected to the P.C.C. on the basis of 3 year terms in accordance with Rule 16 of the
Church Representation Rules as amended, so that one third would retire in 2021, and in
each year thereafter, those retiring in 2021 and 2022 being those who had served longest
on the P.C.C., and, if necessary, selected by lot.
- The resolution was carried by 19 votes to 2 votes.
RESOLVED: From 2020 lay representatives should be elected to the P.C.C. on the basis
of 3 year terms in accordance with Rule 16 of the Church Representation Rules 1969 as
amended.
- There were no items requested for discussion.
- 11 | Rev. Peter Matthews invited everyone to pray bearing in mind Jesus' instruction to love
12 | God with all one's heart, all one's soul, all one's mind, and all one's strength.

Rector's Introduction

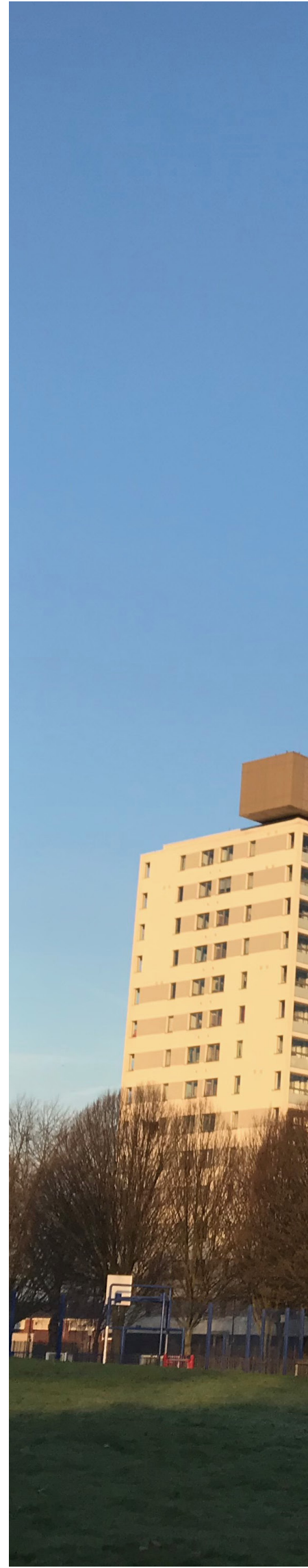
Please do enjoy reading this report for the year 2019 and maybe you'll get to find out something you hadn't already known about the life, ministry and mission of St Bride's! You will find some legally important information here too, like the finances, as well as the year's story for the different groups and aspects of our church.

This year we read through the Bible as a church from the beginning to the end, with the help of resources from The Bible Project, and most Sundays saw us looking at a Bible passage we were reading that week. It has been a real pleasure to have had so many conversations around the scriptures as people have engaged with this at whatever level they felt comfortable with and some of this has led to the start of another midweek home-group that meets in the rectory.

The picnic we had in Heaton Park was a good social event and allowed us to get to know each other better away from our favourite community of Old Trafford. Something else that helps us know one another deeper is through our New Wine connection, whether it is the summer conference, leadership conference or joining with others at the monthly services at St Philip's Salford.

It is great to see the huge variety of people involved in all the different things going on, with many different people being connected together, maybe for the first time, and opportunities to know God more through Jesus at gatherings held throughout the week. It is a privilege to serve beside you in this fantastic church and I thank all those who have taken up or continued in responsibilities, often in the background, that have meant we have been able to be who we are and do what we do, whatever your position or however small you think your role. Thank you.

Reverend Peter Matthews
Rector of St Bride's





Electoral Roll Officer Report

In 2019 a new Electoral Roll was compiled with effect from 14th April, 2019. This report shows changes between 14th April, 2019, and 17th February, 2020, after which no names could be added to the roll until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29th March, 2020. Since 14th April, 2019, no-one on the Roll has died, or requested removal of their name from the Roll.

The Electoral Roll on 14th April, 2019, recorded 53 names.
The Electoral Roll on 17th February, 2020, recorded 63 names.

Demographic Composition of the Electoral Roll on 17th February, 2020.

The figures for the Roll on 14th April, 2019, appear in brackets below.

16 (12) people live in St. Bride's parish	25%	(22%)
47 (41) people live outside St. Bride's parish	75%	(78%)
40 (32) people live in Old Trafford	63%	(64%)
23 (21) people live outside Old Trafford	37%	(36%)

Of the people living outside Old Trafford 17 (15) live very close to the boundary of Old Trafford, which indicates that 90% (87%) of the people on the Roll live in or near the boundary of Old Trafford.

Graham Cooper
Electoral Roll Officer

Secretary To The PCC Report

- 1 In 2019 the A.P.C.M. was held on 14th April, and the following people were elected to positions on the P.C.C: Alison Bell, Angela Cooper (Deanery Synod representative), Graham Cooper, Robert Eccles, David Henningham, Sam Marriott, Douglas Matthews, Clare Myring, John Myring, Linda Penrose, leaving a vacancy for a second lay representative member of the Deanery Synod, and vacancies for 2 churchwardens. Rev. Peter Matthews (chair) and Rev. Viv Eccles were unelected members by virtue of their office as ordained clergy.
- 2 The P.C.C. made the following appointments for the year: Clare Myring – vice-chair; John Myring – treasurer; Graham Cooper – secretary and electoral roll officer; Angela Cooper – safeguarding officer.
- 3 The out-going P.C.C. met on 2 occasions in 2019. The newly elected P.C.C. met on 4 occasions up to 31st December, 2019, and the standing committee of the P.C.C. met in between P.C.C. meetings.
- 4 The attendance of members at those 4 P.C.C. meetings was as follows: Alison Bell 4; Angela Cooper 4; Graham Cooper 3; Robert Eccles 3, Viv Eccles 3; David Henningham 1; Sam Marriott 3; Doug Matthews 4; Peter Matthews 4; Clare Myring 4; John Myring 2; Linda Penrose 3.
- 5 The P.C.C. complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).
- 6 Each meeting included prayer and usually a Bible reading, and concluded with a review of how the meeting had gone.
- 7 The annual attendance report to the Diocese showed that during October, 2019, the average regular adult attendance was 33 and the average regular child attendance was 9.
- 8 Other business considered by the P.C.C. included mission action planning, electoral arrangements, the Arabic Church, the "Feed my City" van, finance, banking for the Destitution Project, charitable donations, bicycles for Revive girls' home in Brazil, encouraging financial support for the church, parental supervision of children, youth and children's ministry, special events, New Wine and the week-end away, services, safeguarding, health and safety, planned and unplanned maintenance of the building and equipment.

Graham Cooper
Secretary

Deanery Synod Report

The Synod has met 4 times this year; I attended 3 of those meetings. The Synod has listened to talks about Eco Church, Christian Aid's involvement with health care for women in Sierra Leone, mental health issues across Greater Manchester and what it means to be Anglican.

1. The Rev John Hughes stated that our response to God's creation should be one of joy. He then challenged us to consider how we can weave that joy into the care of God's creation. How is the care of God's creation woven into our lives? Diocesan Synod has recommended that Manchester work towards becoming an Eco Diocese. As individual churches we can begin our own eco church journeys. Eco Church supports churches in their care for God's creation across 5 areas of church life:

- Worship & teaching
- Buildings
- Land
- Community and personnel engagement
- Lifestyle

To get started the church can register at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

2. Rebekah Turner from Christian Aid showed a film about women in Sierra Leone; it is the most dangerous country in which to give birth where the death of 10 women in labour is a daily occurrence. The film explained how Christian Aid partnered with communities helping to train healthcare workers, provide health centres, buckets, washing lines and training in hand washing. In the community featured in the film the women donated a proportion of their monthly wages in order to buy the resources necessary to build a new healthcare centre. Since it was built no babies had died at birth. Rebekah prayed that we 'Would all become midwives of hope'. Points brought up through questions from the floor included

- Christian Aid's current campaign action is to petition the government to drop Sierra Leone's debt as they struggle to recover from the Ebola crisis
- Money raised by Christian Aid goes directly to the communities that need it and to projects that the community are invested in

- All Christian Aid projects are monitored and evaluated carefully
- Christian Aid sometimes works in partnership with other organisations e.g. in Palestine they work as part of an interfaith project
- Christian Aid tackles systems and structures that oppress people
- Christian Aid's biggest campaign is about climate change

3. Father Jeremy Law who leads a chaplaincy team for the Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust. He is based at Prestwich Hospital which was built in 1851 and was the largest asylum in Europe. The team consists of 11 chaplains which includes 3 Muslims and a Jewish Rabbi.
- The most interesting, and somewhat alarming, figures that were presented showed that in Greater Manchester there is a significantly higher number of people in touch with mental health services than in any other region. (3,981 people for every 100,000 population compared to 2,176 per 100,000 nationwide). Also, sadly, the rate of suicide in young men is significantly higher.
- An estimated 34,973 of GM population will have dementia in 2021.
- Funding for Mental Health services are in crisis.
- Father Jeremy asked the question 'What can the church do?'. A key point arising from group discussion was the need to get to know people well so that abnormal behaviour for that person is recognised.

In January there was a special Deanery meeting open to all church members. There was a presentation by the Archdeacon outlining the Manchester Diocesan Vision for the next 10 years. These include proposals for deanery re-structuring across the Diocese taking us from 21 to 7 deaneries with the employment of full time Area Deans.

Angela Cooper
Deanery Synod Representative

Safeguarding Report

Responsibilities

The Church of England is committed to the protection of all children and adults, especially those who may be vulnerable, for example due to illness or disability. St Bride's has adopted safeguarding policies which should be reviewed at the A.P.C.M each year. The policies help us to create a safe environment for both children and vulnerable people. They are designed to ensure that volunteers are better prepared to respond to suspicion or allegation of abuse whether the alleged abuse is outside or within the church; also that the risk be reduced of someone using a position in the church to exploit a person. Safe recruitment and training procedures are in place to enable high standards of care.

No-one should drift into helping

Any vacancies in should be advertised with a job description. Volunteers need to make a 'Confidential Declaration' regarding their suitability to be involved in the area of work. The volunteer is required to make a paper application and references will be taken up. There needs to be an interview and if the person appears to be suitable for the role an application can be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service. The Safeguarding Officer is informed of anything that would make the person unsuitable for the role. The volunteer is then required to take complete on-line training prior to taking on their new role. The Diocese provides training throughout the Diocese which the volunteer is required to attend. A record of agreement is signed and they receive a copy of our 'Good Practice' guidelines.

Support

Working as teams and offering encouragement and constructive criticism is the best safeguard against poor morale and slipping standards. The support of our youth and children's workers with prayer is the collective responsibility of the church.

Risks

If the church does not strive to adhere to the policy, the church's insurance company may refuse to deal with a claim by a child that he or she has been harmed by the negligence of someone acting on behalf of the church. By their hiring agreement the Arabic Church undertakes to follow our child protection policy.

Practicalities

Since the 2019 APCM three adults working with children and youth have received new DBS certificates and one has been renewed. All PCC members have DBS certificates and have undertaken online Safeguarding training. Children's Sunday morning leaders are up to date with training. The new Lead for Bizzy Bees has received her DBS certificate and completed Safeguarding training. Risk assessments have been completed for the different groups using the building.

The Children's and Vulnerable Adult's Safeguarding Policies are on display in the narthex as required by the Diocese. The website has been updated to include Safeguarding information.

The Safeguarding Officer's photograph and contact telephone number are on display in the Narthex (also required by the Diocese).

A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy is available on the bookshelf against the office wall in the church foyer where anyone can access it if they so wish.

Angela Cooper
Parish Safeguarding Officer

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St. Bride's Old Trafford

This statement was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 8th May 2017. It will be read at the Annual General Meeting held in the month of April each year where progress in carrying it out will be monitored. Children and young people are part of our church. They have much to give as well as to receive. We will listen to them. As we nurture them in worship, learning, and community life, we will take into account the wishes and feelings of children and young people.

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection, and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent, or to prevent the continuation of, any physical, sexual, and emotional abuse of children and young people of which we become aware, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognize that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- Our church is committed to following the policy and procedures published by the Diocese.
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.
- Each worker with children and young people must undertake Diocesan Safeguarding Training, know the guidelines and undertake to observe them.
- Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the P.C.C. has appointed Angela Cooper to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer from April 2018.

Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church

This statement was adopted by St. Bride's Church at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 8th May 2017

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

- 1 We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- 2 As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- 3 We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- 4 We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- 5 The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- 6 It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- 7 We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
- 8 The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
- 9 The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- 10 Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.



Fabric Report

In the absence of church wardens this year three P.C.C. members have put together this report on Building and Maintenance.

Our biggest problem this year was the major leak of torrential rain that found its way into the worship area and back stairwell in July 2019, which caused damage. It was discovered the gutters were blocked, causing overflow. It took several weeks to dry out and left the area in need of decoration. The gutters have been cleared and arrangements made for regular checks in the future. The redecoration will take place early in 2020 and has been covered by insurance.

Over winter we have had a problem with the heating, but at the time of writing this report this is being dealt with by a heating engineer. At the same time plans are in hand to deep clean the kitchen and hopefully this will have occurred. The toilets were deep cleaned in November 2019.

A regular maintenance schedule is being developed but the lack of church wardens has made managing the building and maintenance difficult. Thanks to all those who have helped by taking on necessary tasks, we hope everyone will consider helping out.

**Clare Myring
John Myring
Linda Penrose**



St Brides's Old Trafford

Treasurers Report for Year to 31st December 2019

It is pleasing to report that 2019 has proved to be a year of Financial stability for the church. Overall there was a deficit of £5,900, but this was mainly due to the impact of activities of the Destitution Project. The encouraging factor is that the General Fund again showed a surplus, this year £5,700, and has enabled the level of funds here to return to a satisfactory level after the concerns of previous years. Also, during the year we were able to distribute the previously Earmarked Donations of £3,600 to four Charities that the Church supports. The Destitution Project had an overall deficit of £11,000, but this was mainly due to the timing of the reimbursement of Running Costs from the British Red Cross.

General Fund

The General Fund is where the day to day Income and Expenditure of keeping the Church running is recorded. In 2019 our income exceeded our running costs by almost £5,800, a slight reduction on the surplus of £7,600 in 2018. Overall income reduced by £1,800 (4%). The going control of expenditure meant that at £40,300 it was almost identical to the previous year. With the surplus we managed to increase the level of the General Fund to £17,700 at the year end, leaving the General Fund in a reasonably satisfactory position. With this surplus the PCC is now in a position to start implementing a proactive maintenance programme for the building that we were blessed with 4 years ago.

- Income in the year of £46,000 is slightly lower than the previous year. The level of Regular Giving and related Gift Aid reduced slightly year-on-year as individual members circumstances changed, but it is pleasing to report that the number giving regularly has increased as has the amount of Gift Aid we can claim. Income from the use of the building declined slightly reflecting that use of the building is at a level that can only increase with a significant increase in manpower resources to manage it. Donations and Fundraising are both lower, emphasizing the need to continue to focus on increasing the regular giving to ensure we maintain a satisfactory financial position.
- Expenditure in the year of £40,300 is almost identical to 2018. The major item of expenditure is the Parish Share, paid to the Diocese, which is a contribution towards their costs of providing us with our incumbent. This year it was £17,500, 5.5% lower than the previous year. This is the lowest point it will reach; agreement has been reached with the Diocese on the level of our Share for the next three years which will result in small increases in each year, which we will have to factor into our planning. The costs of running the building have, as anticipated, increased by £1,600 as maintenance costs increase and will be even higher in 2020 and future years as the regular maintenance programme is implemented. The PCC continues to monitor running costs and makes savings where possible in order that funds are available for mission related activities.

- The proposed Budget for 2020 reflects the increased giving from members of the Church. Expenditure will be higher, with the increase in Parish Share and provision for increasing costs of maintenance. Work will continue in controlling running costs, and it is hoped to have a small surplus to continue to strengthen the reserves.

Designated Funds

Overall these showed a significant deficit in the year, a very changed picture from previous years, but as usual this statement doesn't reflect fully the blessings and challenges in a number of areas:

- Youth and Children's Work – Following the changes to the work with our Youth and Children, running costs have been significantly lower than previous years. We continue to be blessed that the financial support of this work has continued, and this will enable us to ensure that all the young people that wish to go to the Church Weekend away in early 2020 will be able to do so free of charge to their families.
- Destitution Project – this is the area within the accounts that to continue to be a challenge. The number of clients remains around 100 per week on average, with running costs almost £1,000 per week. The Red Cross continue to contribute their agreed share of the running costs but with changes in personnel in the organization meant that the timing of re-imbursements was delayed showing a 25% reduction from 2018; this is being addressed and we are hopeful this will be rectified in early 2020. The surplus from the monthly Community Breakfast and contributions from other supporters continue to be a lifeline and enable us to provide support to our clients that is well beyond that provided by the Red Cross. The numbers of clients show no signs of decreasing so we will be looking for external funding to continue the level of support that is given through the Project in the coming months.
- Earmarked Donations – these were contributions made over a number of years and the PCC felt it was the right time to distribute them in an appropriate manner. As a result, gifts of £900 were given each given to Arab World Ministries, supporting members of the congregation in their work overseas, The Ascension Trust, working with Street Pastors in the UK, Release International, working with Persecuted Christians throughout the world, and the Toybox Charity, assisting the work with Street Children in many countries.
- Church Relocation and Equipment. A further £1,200 was spent in the year on some more new equipment; there is still a very a small number of items required, for which we have sufficient funds.
- Other Funds – These funds are for income and related costs for Church activities that have taken place over the year, including Busy Bees, New Wine and Church Weekend at Scargill House planned for March 2020.

John Myring ,
PCC Treasurer March 2020

St Brides Church Old Trafford
Income & Expenditure 12 months to 31st Dec 2019

Fund Name	Balance at 01/01/2019	Income In Year	Expenditure In Year	Balance at 31/12/2019
General fund	£11,939	£46,047	£40,283	£17,703
Youth & Childrens Work	£5,996	£4,455	£1,464	£8,987
Destitution Fund (Red Cross)	£8,376	£38,971	£50,045	£-2,698
Earmarked Donations	£3,600		£3,600	£0
Church Equipment and Relocation	£3,670		£1,191	£2,479
Other	£1,201	£3,564	£2,357	£2,408
Totals	£34,782	£93,037	£98,940	£28,879
Funds Represented by	31/12/2018			31/12/2019
Current Account	£500			£500
Paid in 2020 re 2019				£1,135
Cheques Drawn not processed	£-21			£-1,173
Cheque presented in 2019 re 2020				£1,760
Deposit Account	£31,809			£24,619
Total	£32,288			£26,841
Accounts Receivable - HMRC Gift Aid	£2,494			£2,038
Total Funds	£34,782			£28,879

		2019	2019		2018	2018
		Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
General Fund	Regular Giving & Collections	£32,435			£33,317	
	Gift Aid Claimed	£7,410			£6,786	
	Donations	£730			£953	
	Income from Use of Building	£4,440			£4,855	
	Fundraising & Other Income	£1,032			£2,207	
	General Fund Income	£46,047			£48,118	
	Parish Share		£17,472	£17,472		£18,503
	Church Maintenance		£2,206			£309
	Cleaning		£1,746			£1,665
	Church Running - Gas		£2,233			£3,149
	Church Running - Electric		£3,103			£2,630
	Church Running - Insurance		£1,562			£1,515
	Church Running - Water		£0	£10,850		£0
	Working expenses of Curate		£1,650			£1,650
	Working expenses of Incumbant		£1,236			£1,494
	Rectory Council Tax		£1,905			£1,806
	Rectory Water rates		£526	£5,317		£513
	Parish Training & Mission		£1,210			£559
	Subscriptions		£90			£52
	Upkeep of Services		£681	£1,981		£891
	Church Office Phones & Internet		£3,793			£4,585
	Sundries		£670	£4,463		£1,002
	Governance Costs		£200	£200		£200
	General Fund Expenditure		£40,283	£40,283		£40,523
Designated Funds						
Youth & Children's Work	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£4,455			£4,512	
Destitution Project	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£10,839			£9,947	
	Grants from Organisations	£0			£2,000	
	Re-imbursement of Running Costs	£28,132			£39,203	
Other Funds	Donations, Gift Aid & Other Income	£3,564			£2,789	
	Grants from Organisations	£0			£1,000	
Youth & Children's Work	Youth & Children's Work Expenses		£1,464			£977
Destitution Project	Project Running Costs		£50,045			£53,862
Other Funds	Equipment & Relocation Expenses		£1,191			£1,282
	Other Running Costs		£2,357			£3,278
	Grants to Organisations		£3,600			£0
	Total Designated Funds	£46,990	£58,657		£59,451	£59,399
	Total For Year	£93,037	£98,940		£107,569	£99,922

**St Brides Church Old Trafford
Budgets 2019 & 2020**

	2019 Budget	2019 Actuals	Proposed 2020 Budget
INCOME			
Regular Giving - Church	£33,840	£32,435	£32,750
Regular Giving - Youth & Children's Work	£4,140	£4,455	£4,465
Collections Donations & Fund Raising	£2,275	£1,068	£1,630
Income from Use of Building	£4,200	£4,440	£4,320
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£6,750	£7,410	£7,865
Energy Rebates (Solar)	£675	£694	£700
Total Income for Year	£51,880	£50,502	£51,730
EXPENDITURE			
Parish Share	£17,472	£17,472	£18,000
Gas	£3,000	£2,233	£2,400
Electric	£2,700	£3,103	£3,200
Water	£1,200	£0	£600
Insurance	£1,560	£1,562	£1,560
Maintenance & Cleaning			
Maintenance & Decorating	£2,500	£2,206	£4,800
Sanitary & Nappy Bins	£546	£546	£546
Cleaning Contract & Supplies	£1,500	£1,297	£1,400
Incumbents and Curates Expenses			
Curates Honorarium	£1,650	£1,650	£1,650
Vicars expenses	£1,680	£1,236	£1,440
Rectory Costs			
Council Tax	£1,860	£1,905	£2,000
Water Rates	£540	£526	£575
Office & Administration			
Church Office Phones & Internet	£760	£687	£760
Church Office Copier	£2,432	£2,454	£2,532
Audit Fee	£200	£200	£200
Bank Charges	£760	£652	£600
Subscriptions & Payroll	£50	£60	£60
Services & Mission			
Youth Work	£1,200	£1,336	£1,200
Children's Work	£1,200	£128	£600
Youth & Children at Scargill W/End			£1,500
Day at Southport	£400	£0	£0
Alpha	£360	£100	£300
Church Breakfast	£1,200	£1,111	£1,100
CCLI Licence	£650	£681	£700
Sundries	£1,200	£602	£1,200
Total Expenditure for Year	£46,620	£41,747	£48,923
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	£5,260	£8,755	£2,807

Prayer

Rhythms of Prayer

We have continued to meet to pray regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8am and 9am, Sunday mornings at 8.30am and Monday evening at 8pm.

Prayer Walking

We have continued with this rhythm of prayer- seeking to bless our local area which includes a number of mosques and madrassas, Sikh gurdwara Kingdom Hall and Buddhist temple, the probation service office, parks and recreational areas where relationships are built in the community, many businesses to bless and increasing numbers of new homes. We ask for God's guidance in how to pray as we walk around different parts of the parish each prayer day. We have seen fruit from years of blessing and proclaiming the lordship of Jesus with a growth of creative small businesses, progress on estate ministry, further invitations into schools, peaceful resolution to conflict, growth of the community-facing activities of St Brides people and others using our building.

Prayer for Mission

We have been meeting on Monday evenings at 8pm with a focus on prayer for mission both overseas and closer to home.

Unity in Prayer

Some of us have been attending Prayer for Greater Manchester evenings at Audacious Church — there are more opportunities to get together with hundreds of Christians to worship Jesus and pray for our city - at the Velodrome Stuart St, M11 4DQ on 26th March at 7.30pm.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is available with trained individuals at the end of every service, this year we have seen encouraging answers to prayer including physical healing. If anyone is interested in ministry training or joining the team please speak to me or Viv Eccles.

Chara Hosie
Prayer Lead



Small Groups

- 1 Small groups which meet in the week are one of the ways in which people encourage one another to serve God, keep looking to Jesus, learn to hear his voice, celebrate answers to prayer, and help one another in times of difficulty and doubt. Different groups have different approaches, and over time some start and some finish, so it is difficult to give a comprehensive, contemporary report.
- 2 A Bible study group has met at the Rectory or M-J Sharp's house on Wednesdays with an average attendance of about 5 from a larger pool of attenders.
- 3 A Bible study group has met most weeks at the home of the Bells or the Coopers. They have studied Old and New Testament books and a themed course on prayer. They have prayed together. The average attendance has been 4 from a larger pool of attenders, some of whom take turns in leading the study. After a trial period of meeting on Tuesdays the group has reverted to meeting on Thursdays at 8 (ish) p.m.
- 4 On Monday afternoons a group, which is very variable in number and composition, has met to knit at Limelight with Linda Penrose. It sometimes includes people who have no other contact with the church such as Muslims and Sikhs. There has always been interesting discussion, and sometimes opportunities to pray with people.
- 5 A group of men from St. Bride's, Our Lady's, Sharon and New Testament of God churches has met for breakfast, Bible study and prayer at 9.30 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, with an average attendance of about 9.
- 6 On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings a few people have met at church to read the Bible and pray with Peter Matthews.

Graham Cooper

St Bride's Youth

At St Bride's Youth this year, we have had a few things happen.

We started January with a teaching series in Youth Discipleship called "Who Knows?" where we did talks based on what we felt God was saying to us at that moment. Within the series we also had guest talk from Emma Gaze (Ivy Church). We followed that series with teachings about the Holy Spirit along with practical application using resources from Mike Pilavachi and Andy Croft (Soul Survivor). We also had a series called Commitment Issues about how we need to follow Jesus with our full heart, which came about from Judges 2:16-23. In June we did Bible studies on lesser known Bible characters, from people like Lydia to Mephibosheth.

In May we had our weekend in which we called 26, where we spent 26 hours in church. The theme of the event was Punchlines, with talks from leaders sharing their testimonies and how God twisted it into good. We also ate a lot, grew in relationship, played games and did a scavenger hunt.

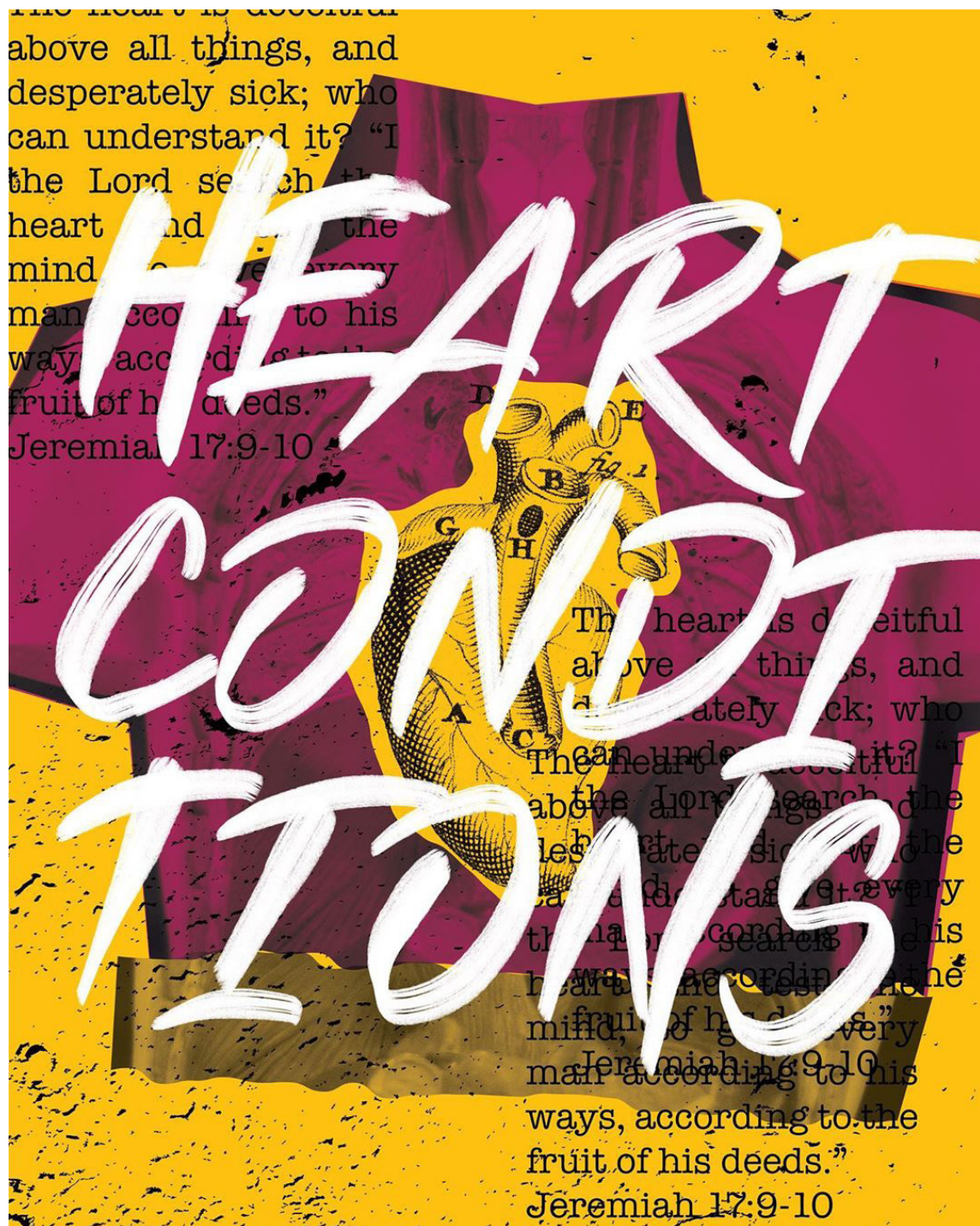
In Summer we took a few youth to the final Soul Survivor for the week, which was really good. We grew closer to each other and to God. It was amazing seeing all the youth praying for each other and really maturing in faith.

After summer, the full vision for where the youth group is going was developed from a quote by Alan Scott (Vineyard Anaheim) that we need to "think clearly and worship passionately," focusing on a high view of the Word, but also being able to worship fully, a balance that is integral. We started the academic year looking at the vision for the near future with a series called Heart Conditions, where we looked at what it means to trust God with your full, pure heart along with some basic spiritual disciplines. We then started to delve deeper into spiritual disciplines with a series where we read through the gospel of Mark and studied it using the Discovery Bible Study method.

It was a great year, and I'm looking forward to seeing what God does in this following year, where we're starting Alpha and looking more at how we can develop into more faithful disciples of the Way of Jesus.

I'd like to thank Rachel Dean, Malc Sterling and MJ Sharp for leading with me. I'd also like to thank Linda Penrose and Shirley Lally for their help during the summer.

Doug Matthews
Youth Lead





Bizzy B's

Bizzy B's is a Baby and Toddler group for any parents and carers in the Old Trafford area (M15 and M16 postcodes) held on Friday mornings at St. Brides. Our aim is to provide a safe and welcoming place where families can come to spend time together, meet and connect with other people in our neighbourhood who are at a similar life stage. We are continually working on keeping the group a reflection of the diverse backgrounds and class of OT and introducing those who come not knowing anyone to others in the group. We want to serve our community through this and show Jesus' love to everyone who comes in.

Families from Bizzy B's have attended the Sunday service at St. Brides on occasion and also The Big Breakfast as well as the Christmas carol service. Special events and festivals happening at St. Brides are always publicised at Bizzy B's. We would love to see more cross over and connections in the future.

We run from 10am till 11.30am and our time together includes free playing, craft, tea and coffee for adults, a snack time held in the foyer of toast and fruit (and an iced bun for grown-ups!), more playing then we finish by gathering together for singing at the end. When the weather is nice we play outside too. We encourage everyone who comes to get involved, to talk to new people and be open and friendly. Everyone helps tidy up at the end too!

We have been growing the team of volunteers who arrive early to set up and help pack everything away. There is a fantastic team of people taking ownership of making the practicalities of the group happen.

Some of our volunteers with musical skills have stepped up to lead song time which has been fantastic. At Christmas time we even managed a Bizzy B's house band!

On average we get around 50-60 families each week so Bizzy B's is busy! We charge £1 per family which covers the running costs, snacks and crafts etc.

Whilst Bizzy B's doesn't run over the summer we recognise the large part it plays in parents and carers connecting with others during the week so organise a summer parks meet up each Friday that someone from the group takes charge of.

At Christmas and Easter we like to take the opportunity to share the Christian message of these celebrations through our crafts, story/singing time and a gift. This Christmas we had a special star making craft session and a story teller share the nativity story and lots of the children dressed up as wise men and women, photos of which was included in the St. Brides carol service.

During the year we have also given out gifts on mothers' and fathers' day and gifts and a certificate for children moving onto school at the end of the summer term.

Bizzy B's is a community where people are ready to share things with others in the group (clothes, toys, baby and toddler items, recipes, babysitters) and also in answer to requests, particularly in relation to The Destitution Project. We've recently supplied 2 prams to families involved with the project.

Lynda Sterling stepped down from leading Bizzy B's (after an incredible 10 years! She will pop back from time to time to run crafts to connect Bizzy B's to OT Creative Space) and Charlotte Bushell (who attends Ivy Church) has stepped up. As well as the committed core team of parent/carers volunteers we have Rachel Kemp and Natalie Hine making tea/coffee and some wonderfully faithful members of St. Brides helping run the group each week. Clare Myring and Linda Penrose welcome and host and Barbara S and Penny manage the kitchen.

We would always appreciate more helpers so if you are free on a Friday morning anytime between 9 and 12 and would like to get involved (in the kitchen preparing snacks or setting up or packing away or being a friendly face to welcome people) please get in touch!

Charlotte Bushell

Destitution Project

The project continued to run weekly, in conjunction with the British Red Cross, on Thursdays, for 51 weeks this year — double was given out the Thursday before Christmas.

We serve destitute people — those who have no recourse to public funds — mostly failed asylum seekers but increasingly families joining a father already here, brought here by the government under the family reunion project, and then left destitute whilst applying for asylum.

Thursdays begin. with shopping for the food parcels — thank you John and Yvonne. We return to Church to weigh out various foodstuffs where John and Clare have opened up and cleaned ready for us to start. Thank you.

We provide a full meal for 50+ people served by Barbara and Yvonne — thank you — from 12.30p.m. which is provided by St Bride's members (and occasionally friends) or cooked on the day by volunteers. Many thanks to these people: the Hosie family, Angela, Sarah, Clare and the SRG ladies with Laura.

The service users start to arrive from 12 noon, and have space to socialise whilst eating, with volunteers around to befriend and chat — thank you Meriel, Laura and Marysia.

At 1.30pm the advice drop-in begins where we issue each person with £5 bus fare, provided by the Red Cross, so that they can return the next week, and a food parcel — manned by John and Bill — thank you — which is provided with funds raised by St Bride's church and the Big Breakfast (the monthly Saturday café) which has continued to raise money for the food parcels. Praise God that the amount raised has remained high during our period of great demand. Many thanks to all those involved — thank you Tony and team. Some service users with specific dietary (health related) needs receive a cash payment instead of a food parcel. The Red Cross fund these.

This year the second hand clothing table has had a complete overhaul thanks to Grace and Gloria from St John's, who have done a great job. Advice on ongoing claims for asylum, housing, health etc is available from Red Cross volunteers.

Each new service user can access the project for 1 year or until they have a successful outcome. Each person is assessed by a caseworker for eligibility, when first visiting the project and a careful track is kept of each case. St Bride's keeps records of every visit every person makes to the project. We have capacity to provide for up to 40 service users per week although we never turn away anyone with a genuine need. This has been tested severely all year, supporting over 100 people most weeks. St Bride's PCC allow the premises to be used every week free of charge, including heating and lighting, and volunteers from the congregation help with shopping, provide transport and generally help with the smooth running of the day. There are many opportunities to get alongside service users and befriend them. In the last year members of the church have been donating toiletries regularly to supplement the money spent by the Red Cross. This has been greatly appreciated by the recipients.

We held a Christmas party on the 19th December which was enjoyed by service users and volunteers alike. Thank you to all church members who enabled this event. We were able to obtain presents to give to the children from Chorlton High School. Quote from one Red Cross volunteer — "The best Christmas dinner I had all year!!"

Thank you to Graham for the grants. Thank you to all the members of St Bride's and the wider community who help to keep this service going. The users of the project certainly appreciate your efforts.

Linda Penrose



Big Breakfast

The BB has gone from strength to strength throughout 2019 and now feels like an established part of the Old Trafford community calendar.

This is in no small part evidenced by the number and enthusiasm of attendance. We average between 110 and 140 people. Instead of a head count we roughly know how many people have attended each event due to the number of eggs used (i.e. 1 egg per breakfast).

We continue to be astounded by peoples generosity. We now fairly consistently make £700+ each month to support the St Bride's Destitution Project.

All of this is achieved in no small part thanks to all the fantastic volunteers. These include Iain, Akila, Grace, Jo & Will Jackson, Alys, Tom Southall, Bec, Cara, Mark Wiseman, Ste Earle, Louise, Janet, Jeremy, Naomi, Jennifer, Angela Russell, Gemma Keddie, Caz, Jane Ward, Ellen Tickle, Martha, Shireen, Ali Owl, Crytsal, Francis, Baz Barrett, Chris Burridge, Ruth Bellhouse, Emma Mountcastle and others. I'd like to give an especial thanks to those who without their hard work the BB couldn't function such as Will & Jo who consistently make sure all the provisions are in, Bec who co-ordinates the rota and baking, Tom & Alys who have been a rock when it comes to childrens crafts, Grace in the kitchen, Mark Wiseman and Iain for his long service.

Thanks also to Barbakan who provide us with our bread at no cost. Unicorn who regularly give us a voucher to buy provisions. Also to all friends/customers who donate baked treats each time.

A strong link with the Destitution comes from regular donations of clothes and other items by our customers. Even more excitingly several BB volunteers are starting to involved directly with the project on a Thursday facilitated by Grace. I'm pleased with how several of the St Bride's members make a concerted effort to connect with the event and build relationships, especially Graham Cooper who I would say is the unofficial BB chaplain (although now that's in the report does this mean he is the official chaplain)

Other partnerships and cross supports have been made with OT Creative Space, OT Womens Institute, Tanzania crafts and the Uluru Project (forgive me if I spelt that wrong).

We do not give any big push on marketing, consisting of an occasional mail out through Seymour Park primary internal mail + updating our facebook page. We have created an Instagram account this year too. February 2020 will be our 3rd birthday. We began with just 7 volunteers and are so pleased how things have grown. The plan is for this year at least to continue to keep going monthly, raise money, create a safe fun space to gather and to provide a healthy technically free breakfast but we don't want to make a meal out of it.

Anthony Trivino



St Bride's Kids

Bex stepped down from being the Children's lead in April 2019 and I (Catherine) took over the role of coordinating the Sunday morning groups. (Shine, the Friday evening club for primary school age children, finished at Easter.)

We are very blessed, here at St Bride's, to have so many children who want to come to the children's groups on Sundays and to have a large, strong team of adults who are committed to helping the children learn more about God and the Bible and grow in their faith. The team has gained three new members this year, which is fantastic. Many thanks to Alison, Angela, Becca, Judith, Laura, Lynda, Shirley, Simon and Rosemary for their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work in preparing and supporting fun, challenging and creative sessions, inspired by the same Bible passages studied by the older group downstairs. There are many churches of a similar size that do not have these opportunities; it really is something we praise God for. We usually have between around 8 and 16 children on a Sunday morning and our sessions can include songs, games, drama, art, craft, discussion, Bible study, prayer and, of course, snacks - both healthy and at times unhealthy!

The children have also contributed in memorable ways to altogether parts of the services and the wider life of the church. Who can forget the Bible Book Burnout Bonanza, the Beat of Your Love video, and, of course, St Bride's Got Talent? This fund-raiser in September, run by the Children's team, with a lunch, prepared by the children, of freshly cooked (and delicious!) soup and beautifully decorated cakes, was a wonderful opportunity for the whole church to enjoy each other's company, support each other and get to know one another better. There was a wide age-range represented, and a range of people, including those who maybe don't usually take the limelight, presenting their acts, while others used their talents on the sound desk, in the kitchen and in other behind-the-scenes jobs. We raised over £250 for the charity Revive, Brazil, which will more than provide the bike and the gel nails kit we had been hoping to fund.

Another great, fun occasion was the Christmas Party, attended by 26 children, 12 of whom don't usually come to church. We also contributed to the Carol Service with a Brechtian-influenced reading, which was inclusive and engaging.

Children have always been a valued part of the St Bride's family. Our prayer is that the children keep coming, keep learning, always feel welcome in the groups and, above all, know that they are loved by God.

Catherine Fyfe
Children's Lead







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