

2020 Annual Report of St. Anne's Church in the Parish of Chasetown

Background

St Anne's Church is situated in Church Street, Chasetown. The correspondence address is St Anne's Church, Church Street, Chasetown, Burntwood, Staffs WS7 3QL. St Anne's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church building. This is done in co-operation with the Team Vicar, Revd. Richard Westwood and the wider Burntwood Chase Benefice. St Anne's Church is served by the Chasetown Parish Ministry Leadership Team which comprises Revd Richard Westwood, Revd Steve Morgan, Mrs Angela Smith, Mr Chris Hawthorne and Mrs Rose Westwood, who was licensed as Community Minister for the Parish in February 2020. Many other members of the church generously offer their gifts, time and skill in the wide range of the church's mission and ministry. The PCC thanks each of them for their faithful and willing service.

Membership

Members of the PCC are respectively either ex officio/co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2020 the following members of St Anne's served as members of the PCC:

<i>Team Vicar:</i>	Revd. Richard Westwood		
<i>Curate (Self Supporting)</i>	Revd Stephen Morgan		
<i>Community Minister</i>	Mrs Rose Westwood		
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Sheila Murphy		
	Mrs Carol Thomas (from January – September)		
	Mr Terry Smith (from September – December)		
<i>Secretary</i>	Mrs Anita Brookes		
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mrs Angela Buckley (from January – September)		
	Mrs Joanna Orlinska (from September – December)		
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod:</i>	Anita Brookes, David Buckley, Christopher Hawthorne		
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Betty Stanley	Brian Golding	Sheila Bott
	Terry Smith	Amanda Bird	Angela Buckley
	Esther Allen	Margaret Malley (who sadly died in May 2020)	

Church Services and Attendance during 2020

Along with every other area of the life of the church, the community and the nation, the attendance at church services was severely affected by national lockdowns and restrictions as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. The services which were able to take place after March 2020 were all subject to Covid 19 guidelines and the PCC took the steps necessary to ensure that the church building could be used safely by adopting Covid secure practices. Socially distanced seating, face masks, hand sanitiser and one way systems all became part of the routine for those attending. Many of the churches worship services were transferred to take place on-line and our 'Gathered and Glued' services on YouTube and became an important feature of our worship. The PCC wishes to especially thank David & Angela Buckley for their hard work in putting together the content prepared by other members of the church. It is difficult to assess what the figure for usual Sunday attendance in 2020 is, given that many people were not able to attend in person and more people watched and worshipped on-line than would have attended had the church been open. One feature of our worship this year was our use of the church grounds, which were the base for a spirituality trail, outdoor Carol singing on Christmas Eve, as well as a regular 'Worship and Walk' event on the second Sunday of each month. There are 97 members on the Church Electoral Roll of St Anne's Church, (55%) of whom are resident outside the parish.

Review of the year

The full PCC met 11 times during the year. The meetings were well attended and the majority of them took place online via Zoom. Much of the business of PCC involved responding to the effects of the pandemic with regard to the mission and ministry of the church.

It should not be forgotten that at the start of 2020 the church was privileged to be able to give overnight shelter for a number of weeks to a person who was homeless and then support their application to the local council in order for them to get suitable accommodation. It is excellent to be able to report that the person is in employment and living locally in the housing which the church helped them to access.

From March 2020 all of the life of the nation was affected by the coronavirus pandemic. A supplementary report of the various areas of how the church's mission activities changed during this time is being made available for the annual meeting. A significant part of the church's mission in 2020 was in helping to establish and support the Burntwood Be A Friend (BBAF) initiative, in collaboration with Spark Burntwood, St John's Community Church Chase Terrace and Burntwood Town Council. This community support group started out as a Covid 'Mutual Aid' organisation but became so much more than this. St Anne's involvement has included the use of the choir vestry for food storage, an upper room being used as an administration base for BBAF and the arrival of a marquee on the church lawn. From this BBAF marquee, St Anne's has hosted a food point where food parcels and surplus fresh food have been available to those in need. The marquee has also been home to socially distanced children's work, and parent and toddler groups, as well as a much appreciated weekly 'Place of Welcome' socially distanced coffee morning for all in the Parish of Chasetown St Anne's monthly Messy Church, the Ladybirds carer and toddler group and the 'Tuesday Hub' after school club for children aged 9-14 were all paused. However, the buggy walking group 'Strollers' was able to continue when government restrictions allowed.

The PCC thanks all who have been involved in the mission and ministry of the church in this most remarkable year and pays tribute to their work and the time, care and energy which they put into the different areas of the life of the church. A meeting for prayer, Bible study and fellowship has been able to continue throughout the pandemic and has been appreciated by all who attend. The PCC also wishes to thank the musicians and singers who help arrange and lead sung worship both in church and for our online services, in particular Jean Spraggett and Gerald Harvey.

The PCC is indebted to the Churchwardens who have served in 2020, Carol Thomas and Sheila Murphy and Terry Smith. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated and the church thanks them warmly for all they have given in their service to God in this role. The PCC thanks Anita Brookes for her commitment and hard work in her role as PCC secretary and sacristan. The church website is managed by David Buckley and the PCC thanks him for this significant and important work. The PCC also wishes to record its thanks to Angela Buckley and Joanna Orlinska as Treasurers during the year supported by John Spraggett, Tony Slater and Margaret Malley for their work on the Church's giving and finances. The finances have been particularly challenging this year as the church has been the recipient of a number of grants to support our work as a part of the Burntwood Be A Friend initiative. The church also records its grateful thanks to Mrs Margaret Taylor, employed as part time Parish Administrator and to Mr Brian Taylor for his hard work in cleaning and maintaining the church on a weekly basis. Their willingness to continue to work in the church building during the pandemic has enabled the church's mission and ministry to continue when many other churches' life was more curtailed. We are sincerely grateful to them.

In September 2020 St Anne's was delighted to support Revd Steve Morgan as he was ordained priest. Sadly, due to the Covid restrictions it was not possible for church members to attend, but many were able to join in on-line as the service was streamed live via St Anne's Facebook Page. The PCC thanks Steve for his ministry and looks forward to the years ahead as he develops and shares more of his gifts.

During the pandemic members of the church and wider community were grateful for the continuation of the Parish Magazine edited by Chris Hawthorne for which the PCC thanks him warmly. In addition, a monthly 'Parish Letter' was hand delivered each month by a team of willing helpers and our thanks go to them too.

The PCC is sad to report the deaths during 2020 of a number of longstanding members of St Anne's including Dennis Vance, Margaret Malley, Eunice Vayro, Isobel Wall, Gary Smith and Mavis Tonks. In many cases their deaths were made more difficult for their family and friends by the Covid restrictions which were in place for their funerals.

St Anne's continues to support a number of charitable organisations and in 2020 donations were made to Macmillan Cancer Care, The Children's Society (through the collection from the Christingle Service), Hands at Work in Africa, Pathway Project, MAF, Action Aid, CMS, Link for Life Project and Mind. In total St Anne's donated £3,000 to charity, shared between local, national and international good causes. But the PCC wishes also to give thanks to God for the church's contribution in supporting the Burntwood be A Friend initiative through its willingness and generosity of spirit. This community collaboration has been inspiring and life giving for the church and for those it has partnered with.

On behalf of the PCC (Chairperson) Revd. Richard Westwood

18 May 2021

Financial Review

During the year £99,004 (2019 was £92,815) was spent to provide the Christian ministry in Chasetown parish, including the full amount of £42,898 (2019 £41,730) as the contribution to the diocesan quota, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy.

In 2020 for the fourth year in succession, there was an increase in giving from the regular members of the church. This response from the congregation is wonderful and the PCC thanks all who gave in such a wonderfully generous way despite church building being closed for a significant period of the year. In addition, the church was very grateful to receive a significant sum from donations and legacies from the estate of former church members. Added to this was the income arising from the hire of rooms to the Burntwood Be A Friend initiative. The net result for 2020 was a surplus of payments over receipts of £55,396 (2019 balance was a deficit of -£4,897).

The main feature of the 2020 increase in income is outlined above. Despite the extraordinary challenges of the coronavirus pandemic the PCC was able to pay all the 2020 Parish Share in full as well as the arrears from 2019 totalling £2,546. This is a remarkable turnaround in the churches finances and the PCC thanks all who have donated so generously.

The PCC also wishes to record its thanks to the grant making trusts who made awards to St Anne's to fund our work with Burntwood Be A Friend:- The National Lottery Communities' Fund, The Coalfield Regeneration Trust, The Community Foundation for Staffordshire and The William A Cadbury Charitable Trust. The PCC encourages the church community to give thanks to God for his provision in 2020 in the most challenging of circumstances for our locality.

The PCC is now in a position to progress with plans for the redevelopment of the building as soon as the Covid 19 pandemic allows for this and to deepen its partnership with the wider local community too. The balance carried forward £69,095 in unrestricted funds on 31 December 2020 £ (2019 was £11,218)

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Accountants Report

In accordance with instructions given to us, we have prepared,
without carrying out an audit, the attached Income &
Expenditure Account from your accounting records
and from information and explanations received by us.

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED**

31 December 2020

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Income

Donations & Legacies

giving(offerings)	8,473.90	19,622.88
Other planned giving (S/O)	33,130.00	22,866.00
Collections & services	14.00	900.60
All other giving Inc Gift Day	13,517.58	13,349.73
Gift Aid	6,052.54	3,000.00
Grants	20,281.00	800.00

Activities for Generating Funds

Church Model	816.36	1,268.63
Film Night	395.00	960.00
Christmas & Autumn Fayre		61.61
Other fundraising	418.65	5,569.94

Church Activities

Funerals	8,194.25	2,415.00
Weddings	3,729.00	6,703.00
Church Hire	1,755.00	1,965.00
Morning Coffee	135.18	794.01
Bookstall	205.62	138.20
Parish Magazine	561.21	566.00
Other receipts	460.39	
Contra receipts		431.00
Strollers	0.00	139.73
Copying & Laminating	26.00	132.18
Lichfield Diocese		6,189.75
Trips	664.00	44.00
Legacy	40,237.09	
Burntwood Be a Friend (BBAF)	15,235.32	
Insription	54.00	
Cash banked	45.00	

Transfers	8,358.90	
Adjustments	2577.00	

154,401.09

87,917.26

Expenses**Cost of Generating funds**

Stewardship	850.03	
Cost of Fund raising		
Coffee Morning		0.00
Film Night		0.00

Charitable Activities

Mission Giving and Donations	3,000.55	1,200.00
Diocesan Parish Share	42,898.00	41,729.60
Salaries & Wages	5,616.00	5,967.00
Music & Copying	196.00	88.46
Organ Repair/ Piano Tuning	100.00	248.00
Wedding & Funeral fees (LDBF)	3,093.86	3,712.00
Vergar & Organist	1,315.00	1,420.00
Clergy & Staff Expenses	1,222.23	2,277.58

Church Expenses

Mission & Evangelism	75.00	389.38
Running Expenses	2,313.04	2,995.41
Utility Bills	4,721.43	6,947.26
Web & Computer Software	477.06	395.29
Visiting Clergy	287.80	429.43

Capital Expenditure

Repairs to Church	2,547.82	2,669.00
Alarm & Security	1,730.40	504.00
New Building	2,636.00	6,831.00

Other Payments

Contra	119.06	3,241.79
Vicarage Decoration Fund	407.00	252.00
Other costs	1,888.01	5,257.43
Petty cash	620.00	660.00
Groups		814.89
Misc Costs	88.87	1,928.80
Insurance	2,734.26	2,856.20

Burntwood Be a Friend (BBAF)

Refunds-Trip	19,856.79	
Transfers	210.00	
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55,396.88

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Closing Bank Balances

Community Direct Account (65439784)	19,058.14	3,049.45
Community Direct Account -No2 Account (65593604)	1,521.08	1,583.17
(65531912)	45,736.96	3,670.78
Community Direct Account- Building	116.00	116.00
Community Direct Account -Roof	2,663.02	2,663.02
Cash		136.34
	<u>69,095.20</u>	<u>11,218.76</u>

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